

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
September 1, 2013

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, grant me to know You to be the once and for all sacrifice for my sins and the sins of all. As Your suffering and death cleanses me from all unrighteousness, grant me to offer to You the sacrifice of praise and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight and beneficial for my neighbor. I pray this in Your name's sake. Amen

### WELCOME

**Welcome to everyone!** It is good for you to be here for worship today. May the Lord bless your time here as His Word is read, sung and preached and as you respond with praise and thanksgiving as your faith's response to the Good News of forgiveness and life. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word, please speak with our Pastor. **Once again we are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.**

Everyone is asked to 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. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need. If you have any questions please speak with an Usher or Greeter.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

### AS WE GATHER

At first it would appear that the main issue of today's readings is merely a lesson in proper etiquette, the curbing of pride, the cultivation of humility, and how to conduct yourself in social gatherings. While those are worthy for our life, they are of course not the Gospel. Today, the Word uses an example of how we are with one another to raise our awareness of how we are with God, and He with us. When we know and truly believe that, as Luther said, "we are beggars" before God and cannot free ourselves from our sin, only then can we see our Lord's humble service for what it is, the one sacrifice that raises us to eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins. What humble thanksgiving our life becomes. For through His sacrifice for us we are given to not only know sins forgiven but what we have been sanctified by His blood to do as children of the heavenly Father.

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House Warren and Judy Rivers memory of their parents, Valerie and Charles Massingale and May and Clifton Rivers, and for the many blessings received.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Guest Organist:		Paula Walter
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Abby Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Gary Goldsby, Terry Bradshaw Jim Marvin, Mark Peterson
Greeters:	(8:15)	Jack and Pat Funk
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Angie Proud
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Jack Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Ken Ross
Ushers:	(10:45)	Charlie Buchanan, Terry Clawitter Bryan Gipson, David Roberts
Greeters:	(10:45)	Jim and Nancy Wade
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline and Lucia Jones
Coffee Hosts:		Gary and Angie Proud
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**, September 8<sup>th</sup>, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, The Epistle Reading: Philemon 1-21, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35.

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

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - Robert J. Powell*

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

## 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  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

Exhortation

*Psalms 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. 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7*

**P** It is God who executes judgment,

**C** putting down one and lifting up another.

**P** We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

**C** We recount your wondrous deeds.

**P** At the set time that I appoint

**C** I will judge with equity.

**P** For not from the east or from the west

**C** and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,

**P** But I will declare it forever;

**C** I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**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** It is God who executes judgment,

**C** putting down one and lifting up another.



## 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 Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

- 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

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



- P** Everyone who exalts himself will be | humbled,\*  
and he who humbles himself will be ex - | alted.

*Luke 14:11*



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:1–14*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth 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 (8:15)

- 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**

## Nicene Creed (10:45)

- 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: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**LSB 685**

**Sermon**

***“Sanctified for Sacrifice”***

***Hebrews 13:12-15***

**Installation of Church Officers and Board Members**

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**

Sit

## Offering

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - Paul Kretzschmar*

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 Concludes (8:15)

### 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857



## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

### 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*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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

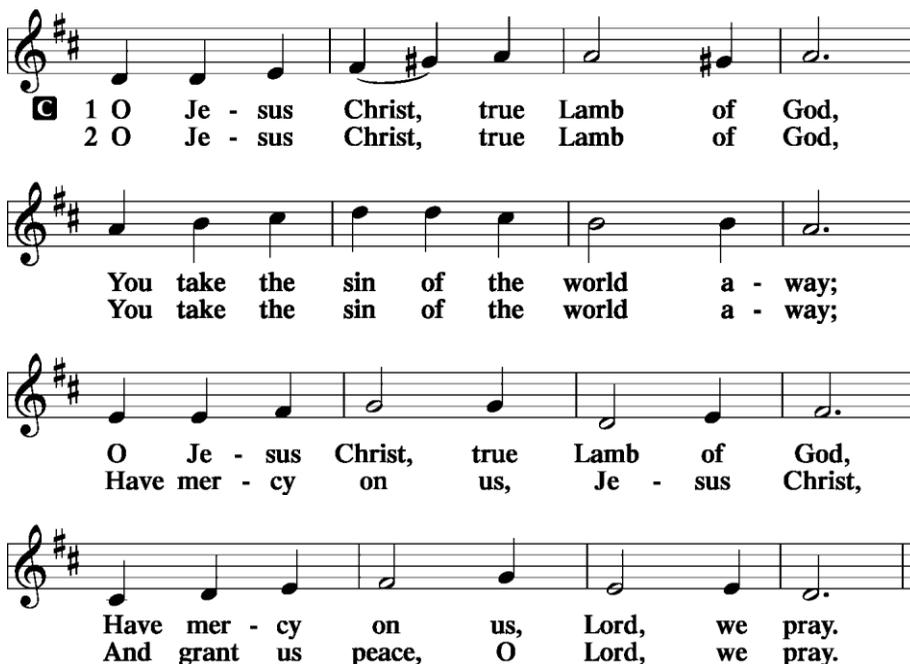
*John 20:19*

**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: Jesus Comes Today with Healing  
Hymn: God Loved the World So That He Gave  
Hymn: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 620  
LSB 571  
LSB 722

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*

**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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

**LSB 857**

## Postlude

*Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way - C.S. Lang*

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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 with Holy Communion
- MONDAY:** **Labor Day – Church Office and ECDC Closed**
- TUES - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** 6:00 p.m. – Board of Christian Education
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Class at St. Vincent’s  
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
- SATURDAY:** 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Middaugh’s Baby Showers

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** we studied the account “David Becomes King.” Just as David reigned over Israel, so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens. *Consider asking, “How was King David different from King Saul? How does Jesus serve as our King?”*

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets on Sunday 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 morning we continue a discussion on *“The Church: Congregation of Saints.”* Come and review what we believe, teach and confess as Lutheran Christians.

**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 their classrooms downstairs in the church.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND BOARD MEMBERS** will be today in both worship services. We give thanks for our members who willingly serve here at Grace. We offer a special word of thanks to those who have been serving and are now taking time off from that service. We look forward to you serving again!

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family of Mrs. Marvel Ann Anderson Middaugh, mother of Robert Middaugh and Randy Middaugh, who passed away on Thursday evening. The family asked that if you wish to give a memorial to Grace that it be designated for the ECDC. Please keep Robert and Donna Middaugh and Randy and Riley Middaugh and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Peter-Paul Seidenschnur is recovering following surgery.

Gisela Spieker continues her recovery at home.

Jeanette Keehn continues receiving care at home.

Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

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

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

Sept. 5 – Stephana and Tim Loyd, Bev 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, Jennifer Wunderlich

Sept. 3 – Ethan Andrews, 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

Sept. 7 – Lisa Hicks

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance:** Sunday 8/25: 178 (8:15 – 102 and 10:45 – 89). Mid-Week 8/28: 10. **Offerings:** Sunday 8/25: \$7,638.00. Mid-Week 8/21: \$430.00. Memorials: \$390.00. Building Fund: \$215.00. Fan into Flame: \$400.00. Food Pantry: \$50.00. Seminary Scholarship Fund: \$5.00.

**OUR THANKS** to Paula Walter who is our organist today while Nathan and Crissy are on vacation. Thank you, Paula.

**THANK YOU** to my Grace friends for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery from surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Jilg for his faithful daily visits while I was at St. Vincent's. A Special Thank You to Pastor Walter for calling while on vacation; it was God's perfect timing just before going into surgery. The prognosis is a full recovery after a few more weeks of rest. God has blessed me so abundantly, for which I am very grateful. God is Great!

*With love, Judy Borchert*

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** - We would like to stay in touch with our young people while they are in college. **Please provide the church office** with the name of their school, mailing address, e-mail address, and cell phone number. E-mail your information to [patfunk@gracelutheranlr.org](mailto:patfunk@gracelutheranlr.org) or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - Volunteers are needed to serve next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please take a minute to check the available dates for October through December on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. Thank you for serving!!

**BABY SHOWER - More Middaugh grandbabies are on the way!** You're invited to a Baby Girl Shower for Michael and Sandi Villarreal Middaugh and a Baby Boy Shower for Jonathan and Kristin Middaugh together on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Michael and Sandi are registered at Target and Amazon.com and will be flying to Little Rock so gift cards or presents that are shipped to DC would be helpful for them. Jonathan and Kristin are registered at Babies R Us, Target and Amazon.com. The shower is hosted by Ann Stoker, Carole Nichols, Sammye Sue Harrill, Susan Mahnken, Nancy Finkbeiner and Pat Funk.

**GRACE MUSIC DEPARTMENT KICKOFF** is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Parker Hall. Anyone interested in being in a music ensemble in the coming year is invited. Group members will be bringing appetizers and desserts as we gather to celebrate the beginning of another music season at Grace. We hope to see you there!  
*Nathan*

**FLUTE AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NEEDED** - Our thanks for the donation of a flute by one of our Grace members for the band at Christ Lutheran School. There is still a need for another one since there are multiple students that have expressed interest in playing the flute. You may also donate other band instruments if you are looking to do so. If you have an instrument that you would be willing to donate, or know of anyone, please contact Paul Walter at [pwalter@clutheran.org](mailto:pwalter@clutheran.org). Thank you. *In Christ, Paul Walter*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY - REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE – Nashville, Tennessee** - Are you looking for an opportunity to hear about new ways you can share the Gospel? Don't miss your chance to hear compelling presentations from Rev. Dr. Mark Zehnder and others during the Regional Outreach Conference hosted by Lutheran Hour Ministries September 6-7 at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Registration is set at four levels: **Family** - \$225 (includes parents and all their children); **Adults** - \$89; **Teenagers** (Grades 8 through 12) - \$49; and **Children** (Kindergarten through 7th grade) - \$29. The registration includes all sessions, lunch and dinner on Saturday, consultations with outreach and technology experts, access to the resources in the exhibit area and take-home tools, continued training after the conference ends and more! The registration deadline is Sept. 3. To register now, or for more information, visit [www.lhm.org/roc](http://www.lhm.org/roc) or call 1-800-876-9880.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will meet on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Bob Bryant is the director.

**SIT AND SEW** will not meet this week and will be rescheduled at a later date. Contact Rile Midaugh if you have questions.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will resume on **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:30 a.m. They are studying the *God's Word for Today* on the book of *Acts*. Contact Joan Ann Olsen for more information.

**AN HONORARIUM** has been given by Rudy and Sherry Bischof to the Grace General Endowment Fund in honor of Bette Bogart and Paulette Goldsby for their efforts in the success of the ACTS Rummage Sale.

#### **MEMORIALS -**

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOIS BERNER**  
**TO THE LOIS BERNER MEMORIAL FUND**

By Susan Clay  
Rev. Paul and Carol Donner  
Mr. and Mrs. Randel Price  
William and Delores Thornsberry  
Robert and Sheila Wilimzig

**TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND**

By Marietta Gutierrez  
Jim and Nancy Wade

**TO THE GRACE ECDC FUND**

By Gervais and Sharon Le Blanc

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. CHERYL WOLBRECHT**  
**TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND**

By Beth Paulson

**IN MEMORY OF MR. LUKE MOORMAN**  
**TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND**

By Marietta Gutierrez



**Grace Lutheran Fall Craft Fair and Used Book Sale**  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Begin your Christmas shopping here! Over 25 quality vendors

- Back by popular demand- the **Grace Bakers**
- Huge used book sale
- Rent a booth to sell your handmade items
- Check the website for more information:  
[www.GraceLutheranLR.org](http://www.GraceLutheranLR.org)

We accept donations of books beginning mid-October. Please help us make this a big success by donating used books.

Contact Riley Middaugh at 954-9281 or email at ram0220@aol.com for more information.

*Proceeds benefit **Kevin Ray**, second year student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.  
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# The Wittenberg Café

## An Invitation to The Wittenberg Café

To provide a forum for us to learn about what is happening in our nation and the world, the challenges facing us as Christians, and a Biblical perspective on these challenges, we invite you to The Wittenberg Café, an informal gathering of Christians seeking to understand the Biblical perspective on issues confronting us and our nation. We will take a look at what is happening in our nation, as well as more personal issues confronting us today in our homes and families. The discussion will draw on teachings from the Bible and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to shed light on how we might be most true to our Lord in this time in this place – on how to move from merely being informed, toward cultivating discernment, Godly wisdom, and the joy of the Lord.

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church – In the Church Parlor

**When:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** From 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Bring:** A Bible

**Who is invited:** The Wittenberg Café is open to all interested individuals

For more information, contact Mark Peterson, 666-6504  
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