

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
October 18, 2015

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Gracious God and Lord, with You all things are possible. What is impossible for me to provide by my own doing You have made possible for me through the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ. I rejoice in the eternal inheritance that You have provided for me freely through Him. Keep me steadfast in my faith that receives this blessing. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! In the Epistle reading for this morning the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews puts forth, "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." God's Word of Law exposes the sin in all of us and His Word of Gospel grants us healing and comfort from our sin-sickness and empowers us to live as His redeemed and forgiven children. We are glad to have you with us this morning and pray that you will come 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 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 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

The rich young man from last Sunday's Gospel assumed he had done everything he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus had to shake him from his reliance on his own works. Today, Jesus turns to His disciples saying two things. First, how difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God. In fact, it is so difficult that "with man it is impossible." Repentance and faith are quite beyond our ability. By the work of the Holy Spirit, we turn to receive the kingdom of God as a gift on the basis of the atonement of Christ for us. When we get conversion and salvation straight, we will be more aware of what a miracle it is that we can say, "I believe." Then faith produces works that in keeping with what we confess. The Gospel and its power is responsible for both our faith and its response.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of his House by Gary and Angie Proud in loving memory of Gary's mother, Virginia Proud, and in thanksgiving for blessings received.

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)	Ethan Andrews
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols Robert Wilimzig
Greeters:	(8:15)	Debbie Craig and Mildred Wilkins
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Sheila Wilimzig
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Michael Gipson
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Craig Schluterman
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jonathan Cline
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	Gervais and Sharon Le Blanc
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Lou Alice May
Choir:		Handbell Choir
Coffee Hosts:	Stacy and Charlotte Johnson and Jim and Florence Marvin	
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The appointed readings for next Sunday, October 25th, Reformation Day, are: First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7. Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28, and Holy Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36.

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THE ORDER OF MATINS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Voice Raised to You We Offer - Jeffrey Blersch

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Voice Raised to You We Offer - Charles Ore

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Voices Raised to You We Offer

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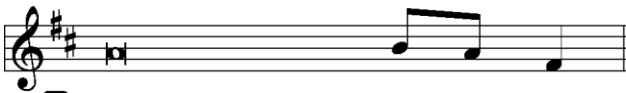
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Opening Versicles

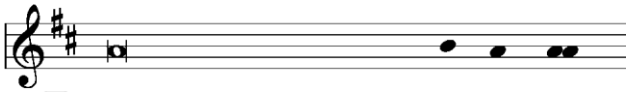
Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon

P Glorious is God with His angels and saints.



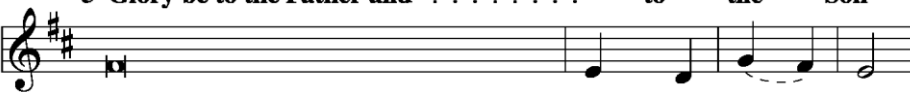
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

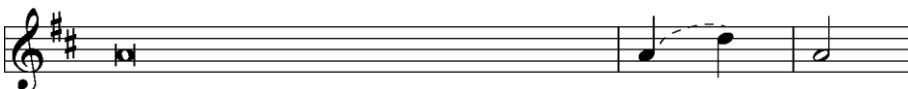
Psalm 95:1-7



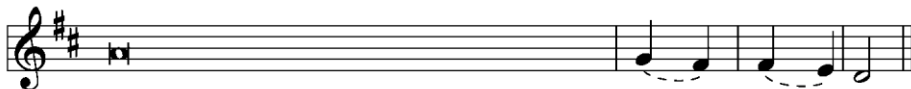
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow— down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His— al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep— of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon

- P** Glorious is God with His angels and saints.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 119:9–16 (antiphon: v. 14)

- P** In the way of your testimonies I delight
C as much as in all riches.
- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
C By guarding it according to your word.
- P** With my whole heart I seek you;
C let me not wander from your commandments!
- P** I have stored up your word in my heart,
C that I might not sin against you.
- P** Blessèd are you, O LORD;
C teach me your statutes!
- P** With my lips I declare
C all the just decrees of your mouth.

P In the way of your testimonies I delight

C as much as in all riches.

P I will meditate on your precepts

C and fix my eyes on your ways.

P I will delight in your statutes;

C I will not forget your word.

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 In the way of your testimonies I delight

C as much as in all riches.

Sit

Children's Message

Office Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing

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Readings

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Amazing Grace - Jeffrey Honore

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

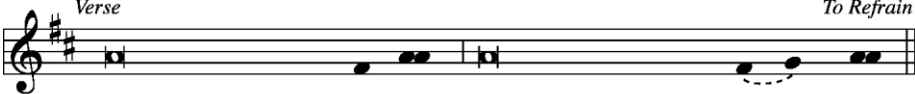
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory


Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28

Verse *To Refrain*



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

Sermon

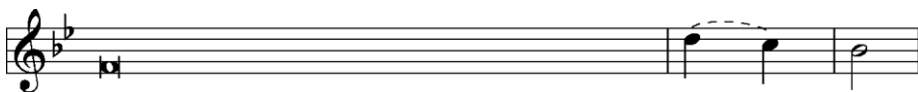
Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

“The Problem with Plenty”

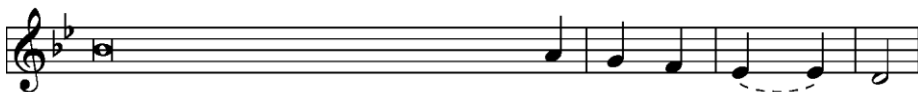
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Canticle

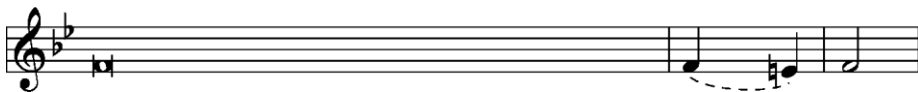
Te Deum



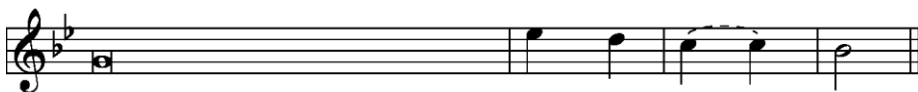
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



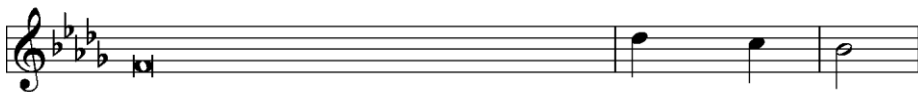
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



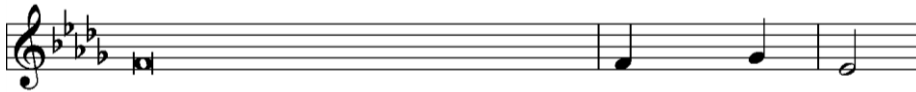
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



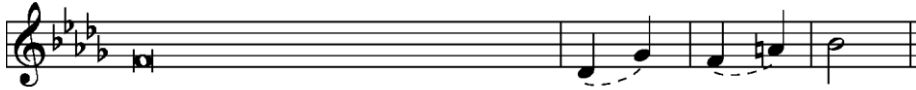
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



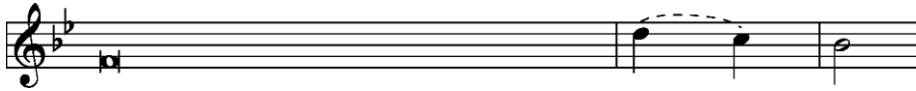
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



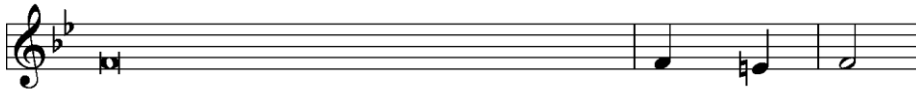
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.



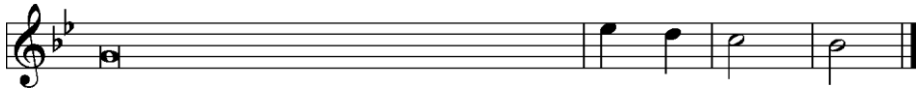
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out — sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on — us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sit

Offering

All Depends on Our Possessing - Kevin Hildebrand

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

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

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

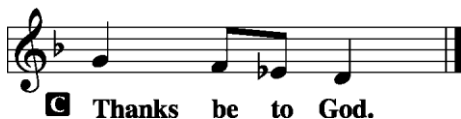
Collect for Grace

- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



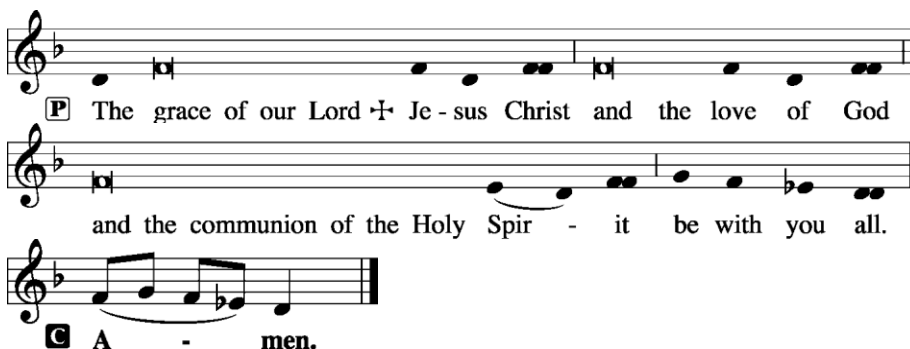
Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

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Postlude

Beautiful Savior - Kenneth Kosche



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Matins Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Pastor Walter’s Bible Class 10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
MON - FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
MONDAY:	6:30 p.m. – The CALL Information Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study
TUESDAY:	12:00 noon – Fellowship Club 5:30 p.m. – 7 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s) 7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
THURSDAY:	5:15 p.m. – 8 th Grade Confirmation
FRIDAY:	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – LWR Care Van
SATURDAY:	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – LWR Care Van 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Katorei Rehearsal
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Reformation Service with Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. – Potluck Dinner recognizing our new members 3:00 p.m. – Central Arkansas Reformation Service at First Lutheran

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the lesson is “Moses and the Plagues.” Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of His people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin and freed us from sin’s bondage. *Ask your children, “What does it mean to be freed from the slavery of sin? Tell about the plagues and talk about the power of God Almighty.”*

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.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has been leading a study from the series **God’s Word for Today: Galatians – The Cost of Freedom** and will conclude today with **Lesson 13 – “A Personal Appeal” (Galatians 6:11-18).**

A MAN NAMED MARTIN - Beginning next Sunday in Bible Class Pastor Walter will begin a new series entitled *A Man Named Martin*, which will examine the life and times of Martin Luther. This is a Bible study series from the Men's Network of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Next Sunday is Reformation and our Bible class will begin at 8:45 a.m.

LWML SUNDAY - We will celebrate **LWML Sunday** today. Following the 8:15 Service, Grace Women in Mission will greet you at their display table on the bridge. Talk with any of the women greeting you to get more information about the Lutheran Women in Mission or if you are interested in participating in their activities.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 21 – Courtney and Jason Sutterfield

Oct. 22 – Barb and Greg Warren

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 21 – Billy Wilkins, Jr.

Oct. 22 – Terry Bradshaw

Oct. 23 – Kristin Parsons, Ron Stewart

Oct. 24 – Elizabeth Gipson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Suzanne Raddle will have foot surgery this coming Friday.

Linda Bradshaw is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Marietta Gutierrez is recovering from hip surgery and recent eye surgery.

Elwanda Wells is recovering following her heart procedure surgery.

Bob Grant is recovering following back surgery on Friday.

Wendy Schmidt continues her recovery following shoulder surgery.

Dennis Fastenau is at home and continuing his treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 10/11: 184 (8:15 – 95 and 10:45 – 89). Mid-Week Service 10/14: 11. **Offerings:** Sunday 10/11: \$6,603.00. Mid-Week 10/7: \$410.00. Missions: \$25.00. Memorials: \$50.00. Scholarship Fund: \$25.00. Building Fund: \$110.00.

YOU ARE INVITED to a bridal shower honoring Samantha Saenger on Saturday, October 31st, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Samantha will marry Matthew Buchholtz on November 28th. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Amazon.com. Hostesses are Alisa Coffey, Pat Funk, Paula Walter, Sheila Wilimzig, and Megan Witte.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. Phyllis Hasz, Sandy Sweeney's aunt, who died recently in Wisconsin. Please remember Tim and Sandy and their family in your prayers.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE VAN - The Care Van will be at Grace on **Friday, October 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help Pastor Walter with loading and packing boxes on the truck. These boxes are from congregations in the Central Arkansas area. Call the church office if you can help for a couple of hours.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Monday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Chaplain David Witte at drwitte@gmail.com for more information or for their meeting location.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on Tuesday, **October 20th** at 12:00 noon in **Parker Hall**. Make your plans to join us for a delicious lunch provided by our ACTS friends and a great time of fun and fellowship. Call the church office if you need a ride or for more information.

THE CALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING (Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime) - There is a crisis shortage of foster and adoptive families for children in the foster system. Come find out how YOU can help them either through fostering, adopting, or volunteering! **The CALL Informational Meeting** will be here at Grace on **Monday, October 19th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** This event is hosted by the *Board of Evangelism*. Register on-line (preferred), by going to www.thecallinarkansas.org and click "Register for an Event Now" link or call their office at 501-823-0607 to learn more about helping children in foster care in Pulaski County.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Little Rock, will host the annual **Central Arkansas Festival of the Reformation Service** at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25th**. This year's guest preacher is The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and he will be assisted by Lutheran Pastors from the Central Arkansas Area. Following the service, a German meal prepared by First Lutheran Men's Network will be served. This meal is funded by Heartland AR Chapter of Thrivent Financial. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!!!

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion books for October thru December are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget to recycle your old devotion books when you are finished with them. There is a box on the table in the breezeway for you to recycle.

ITEMS NEEDED – Through our Christian outreach we are helping a young mother who needs the following help. She is in need of a double bed with a gently used mattress and box springs or two twin beds. If you have beds you can donate, please contact Pastor Walter or call the church office.

HIS TIME on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE.org. Start your day by sanctifying it with the Word of God and prayer. Based on God's time in the Church Year, we feast on God's Word in daily Scripture readings and interview guests on various topics vital to your daily life. Weekdays from 7:15-9:30am Central Time. Archived on KFUE.org. Follow us on [Facebook.com/KFUEradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUEradio)

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT WADE – Brother of Jim Wade
TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND
By Jim and Nancy Wade

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

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

IN MEMORY OF MR. ERWIN EBERLE – Brother of Judy Seidenschnur
TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND
By Jon and Sandy Lindemann

Mark your calendars!

Almuerzo Santo Taco

a Holy Taco Lunch

Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Youth
Sunday, November 1st, following 2nd Service
Parker Fellowship Hall

Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$7.50

Children (3-10) - \$5.00

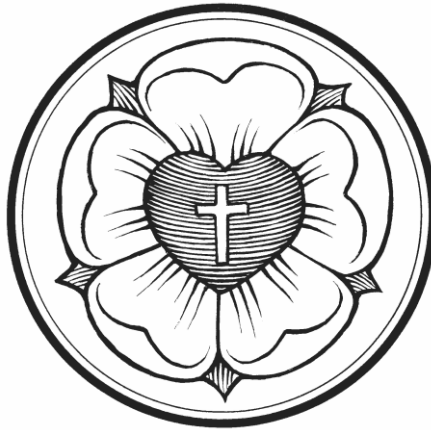
Children (2 and under) – Free

Tickets will be sold by the Youth in the breezeway in between services
each Sunday

Come and enjoy a lunch of chicken or ground beef tacos, Spanish rice,
chips and dip, and Mexican Chocolate Cake!

Questions can be directed to Anna Kate and Jack Manchester





REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25th

10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE
with Holy Communion

Sunday School and Bible Class at 8:45 a.m.

A **Potluck Dinner** will follow immediately after the Sunday morning Worship Service. Everyone is asked to bring **a large dish** (a dish and a half) of your choice to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Following the meal, we will recognize all of our new members who have joined since Reformation Sunday 2014. Mark this date on your calendar. Let's join together in worship, fellowship and celebration of our church heritage.

**Grace Fall Craft Fair
and
Used Book Sale
Saturday, November 14
9:00-3:00**

Begin your Christmas shopping here! 25 quality vendors

- Back by popular demand- the **Grace Bakers**
- Huge used book sale
- Check Facebook for more information:

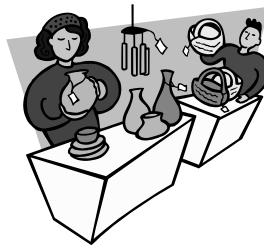
www.Facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow

share the Facebook link with your friends

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 and Josh Ralston**, seminary students at our Concordia Seminaries. Matching funds by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.*



Grace Food Pantry

As Fall and Winter approach it's a great opportunity to restock our Grace Food Pantry to meet the needs of those that are in need.

In conjunction with the Reformation Sunday New Member Potluck lunch next Sunday, we are asking that each individual bring non-perishable food items such as: canned items (hearty soups, meat, vegetables, fruit, pudding cups, etc.), grain (rice, barley etc.), dry beans or cereal items to donate to the Food Pantry. **(Please do not bring broths or cream soups!)** When donating items please remember that some of the people we provide food for are homeless and do not have the means to prepare food but need to be able to just open and eat the food items.

A table will be set up next Sunday in Parker Hall for you to deposit your food item(s).

If you have any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to call the church office. Thank you in advance for your help!

