

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
October 20, 2013

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word made flesh and the fulfillment of all the promises made in the Old Testament. By the power of the Holy Spirit I was brought to faith through the Word and I have been made wise to salvation and given the hope of everlasting life. By that same Word and the Spirit's power may I continue to be taught, corrected and trained in the righteousness that comes solely through You so that I might be made competent and equipped for every good work. I pray this in Your name. Amen

WELCOME

We are glad that you have joined us for Divine Service today! **Welcome to everyone!** If you are visiting we hope that you are made to feel welcome even as we pray that everyone gathered here may be blessed by their hearing, speaking and singing of God's Word! If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from that Word of God, 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. **The nursery for infants and toddlers (3 years and younger) is open this morning for those who have need. Our downstairs area continues to be remodeled so we ask that you stay clear of those areas.** 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

When were you first introduced to God's Word, Holy Scripture? Maybe you cannot remember as you have always had that Word shared with you through Bible stories read to you by your parents or grandparents for as long as you can remember. Or maybe you can remember exactly when someone shared this life-saving, life-changing story of God's plan of salvation with you, when in reality you were made wise for salvation. This morning St. Paul, writing to a young Pastor named Timothy, encourages him to "continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of his House by Joe and Debbie Craig in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Mason Andrews
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paul Walter
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols Paul Walter, Robert Wilimzig
Greeters:	(8:15)	Debbie Craig and Bill and Mildred Wilkins
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Janet Killough
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Kaylee Hammond
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeter:	(10:45)	David, Andrea, Lauren, and Matthew Faulkner
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Charlotte Johnson and Sarah Johnson
Choir:		Bell Choir
Coffee Hosts:		Shirley and Verna Rieve
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 27th, The Festival of the Reformation (Observed), are: The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7, The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28, and The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music *O God of Light - Kenneth T. Kosche O God of Light - Kevin Hildebrand*

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude *O God of Light - Alfred V. Fedak*

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: O God of Light **LSB 836**

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 *1 John 1:8–9*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what**

we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: Ps. 74:2a

- P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
C **which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**
- P** Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
C **and a foolish people reviles your name.**
- P** Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
C **do not forget the life of your poor forever.**
- P** Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
C **let the poor and needy praise your name.**
- P** Have regard for the covenant,
C **Arise, O God, defend your cause.**
- 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** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
C **which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C 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.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

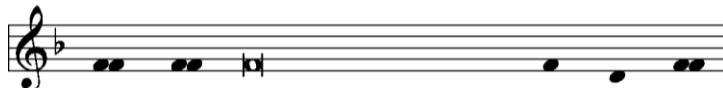
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A men.

Gloria in Excelsis

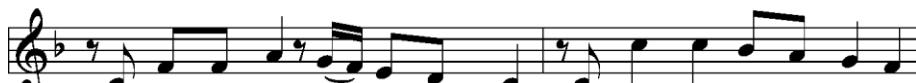
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



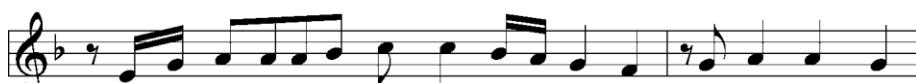
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision - Douglas E. Wagner

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Luke 18:8

- P** Alleluia. I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless,
when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Alleluia.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587

Sermon

2 Timothy 3:14-17

"Wise for Salvation"

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life  of the world to come. Amen

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

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker - Kevin Hildebrand

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord 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 [†]body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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 [†]blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



Agnus Dei

John 1:29





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: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619

Hymn: Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545

Hymn: Lamb of God

LSB 550

Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

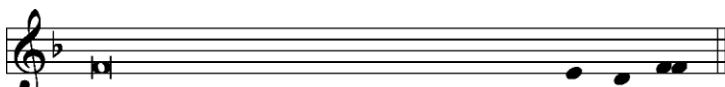
P Let us pray.

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.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \ddagger give you peace.



Closing Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523

Postlude

O Word of God Incarnate - Randall Sensmeier



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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 downstairs in Parker Hall 9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church 9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall 10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion 1:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir
MON - FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
TUESDAY:	9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class 12:00 noon – Fellowship Club 5:15 p.m. – 7 th Grade Confirmation 6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Class at St. Vincent’s 7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion
THURSDAY:	4:00 p.m. – 8 th Grade Confirmation
SATURDAY:	9:30 a.m. – Reformation Men’s Choir practice

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, students learned the story of “Naaman and Elisha.” The Word of God spoken by the prophet was in and with the water of the Jordan to restore the flesh of Naaman; the Word of God spoken by the pastor is in and with the water of the baptismal font to cleanse us of our sin and restore us as children of the heavenly Father. *Consider discussing, “What was Elisha’s unusual ‘prescription’ for Naaman’s condition? How have you been healed with water?”*

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 will begin Session 10 **“The Holy Supper of Our Lord.”** Come and review what we believe, teach and confess as Lutheran Christians.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

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, Lukas Haddock
Oct. 25 – Norma Bisgood, Jennifer Morrison
Oct. 26 – Colleen Moorman

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Norma Bisgood is a patient in Hospice Home Care on Bowman Road.
Jeannie Worlund is recovering following knee replacement surgery.
Jeanette Keehn continues receiving care at home.
Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 10/13: 200 (8:15 – 109 and 10:45 – 91). Mid-Week 10/16: 5. **Offerings:** Sunday 10/13: \$9,301.00. Mid-Week 10/9: \$640.00. Memorials: \$260.00. Building Fund: \$305.00. Fan Into Flame: \$25.00. Seminary Scholarship Fund: \$175.00. Missionary Megan Kincaid: \$50.00.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION class is on **Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.** in the Parlor.
8th GRADE CONFIRMATION class is on **Thursday at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parlor.

THANK YOU - Grace Lutheran Church is in receipt of a gift of two burial plots at Rest Hills Memorial Gardens in North Little Rock given by Gary and Linda Franzen of San Antonio, Texas. We appreciate the generosity of their gift. Gary and Linda were married at Grace in 1967.

RENOVATION PROJECT - Please be careful going through the downstairs areas in the church. Work continues to take place as the flooring is in the process of being installed. Funding for this project is coming from our Building Fund. **The nursery for infants and toddlers (3 years and younger) is open this morning for those who have need. While our choir room and classroom area continue to be remodeled, we ask that you stay clear of those areas.**

CRAFT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT - Visit the breezeway to view the Queen size, handmade quilt being raffled as a fundraiser for the **Fall Craft Show**. Tickets are \$1 each and the proceeds will benefit Kevin Ray, who is a second year seminarian at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The drawing for the winner of the quilt will be **Saturday, November 2nd**, during the craft show.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, October 22nd**, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Lunch will be served by our ACTS Club friends. Call the church office if you have questions. Join us for great food and fellowship.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 8th and Rock Streets, Little Rock, will host the annual **Central Arkansas Festival of the Reformation Service** at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27th**. This year's guest preacher is The Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President of the Mid-South District LCMS, and will be assisted by Lutheran Pastors from the Central Arkansas area. Following the service, a German meal featuring many favorite dishes will be served. The meal will be funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. A free will offering will be taken for Habitat for Humanity. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend for some great music, preaching, and food as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage!

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MR. OLE KRASTS
TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Charles and Lynda Kerouac

Evelyn McQueen

John and Dorothy Pemberton

Flave Peters

John and Liz Phillips

Jessie Faye Scruggs

Grace Food Pantry and Concordia Seminary Food Bank Combined Food Drive

Grace is sponsoring our second annual Fall Food Drive in connection with our upcoming Reformation Sunday New Member Potluck Dinner on Sunday, October 27th. Grace is also partnering with First Lutheran and Christ Lutheran in support of the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. See the October Newsletter or the display in the breezeway at church for a list of items for each of these food drives. Please bring your items and place them on the table in the breezeway. Fifty percent of what we collect will go to the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary and the other fifty percent will stay and be used in the Grace Food Pantry. If you have any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to call Pat Funk or Dave Graf at 370-1540. Thank you in advance for your help!

David Graf
Elder – Christian Action Coordinator



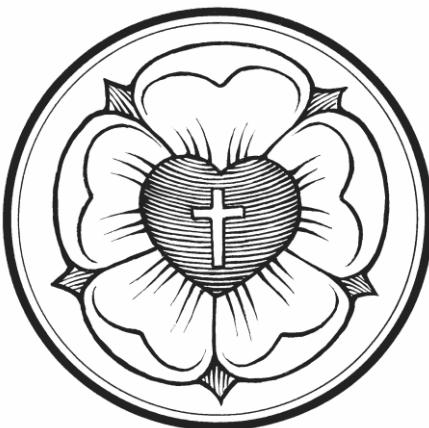
**Grace Fall Craft Fair and Used Book Sale
Saturday, November 2nd
9:00-3:00
Hillcrest at Kavanaugh**

Begin your Christmas shopping here! Over 25 quality vendors
-Back by popular demand- the **Grace Bakers**
-Huge used book sale
-Check the website for more information:
www.GraceLutheranLR.org

For more information contact Riley Middaugh at 954-9281 or
email her at ram0220@aol.com .

Proceeds benefit Kevin Ray, second year student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY **October 27th**

10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE
with Holy Communion

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

Looking forward to seeing you next Sunday for our **Potluck Dinner** immediately following the Sunday morning Service. Everyone is asked to bring a large dish 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 this year. Mark this date on your calendar. Let's join together in worship, fellowship and celebration of our church heritage.