GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS November 8, 2015

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

O Lord, how can I thank You for all Your loving kindness, for patiently bearing with me in my sinful blindness? I will come before You with a contrite heart, repenting of my sins and receiving Your certain assurance of sins forgiven. I will, with Your Holy Spirit's help and guiding, strive to live my life in conformity with Your will, rejoicing in my salvation and using my gifts in service to You and Your church. Grant this Lord, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. In His holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! We are a family of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. We believe and confess that this is done as the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments are shared and administered in their truth and purity. Living as His people we bear witness to His love and mercy shown to us and to all. We recognize that others will know that we are Christians by our love shared in word and deed which is our response to His love for us. If you are visiting it is our prayer that you will realize these things about us as God's people gathered in this place. If you wish to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word please speak with our Pastor. We are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us 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. 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. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well as on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 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

There are many reasons to lack confidence; violence, war, poverty, economic downturn, difficulties we face in our daily lives, and of course, our own sins and their consequences. Who are we against such forces? Much of life is outside of our control! We need help from another. We need help from Jesus, who is the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus, who has borne and put away the sins of all people by the once-for-all-sacrifice of Himself on the cross. Fully God and fully man, Christ Jesus, our Lord, has done everything needed to bring us into a relationship of peace with God, granting us access into the grace into which we now stand. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith, we face life not in fear, but in confidence that Jesus is with us, helping us along life's way.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Maxine Biggers in memory of her father Mr. DeWitt Brundage, with whom she shares her birthday, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Guest Preacher:		Rev. Darrell C. Kobs
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	John Calvillo
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Sam Cate
		Chuck Fandrei, Paul Nichols
Greeters:	(8:15)	Robert and Carole Nichols
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Sydney Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Ushers:	(10:45)	David Faulkner, Cole Hill
		Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeter:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Harp:		Alisa Coffey
Coffee Hosts:		Shirley and Verna Rieve
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, November 15th, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3, The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-13.

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

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Cadenza from Lucia di Lammermoor - Donizetti

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus LSB 821

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Prelude

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.
- 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.
- 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 (8:15) *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

Declaration of Grace (10:45)

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen

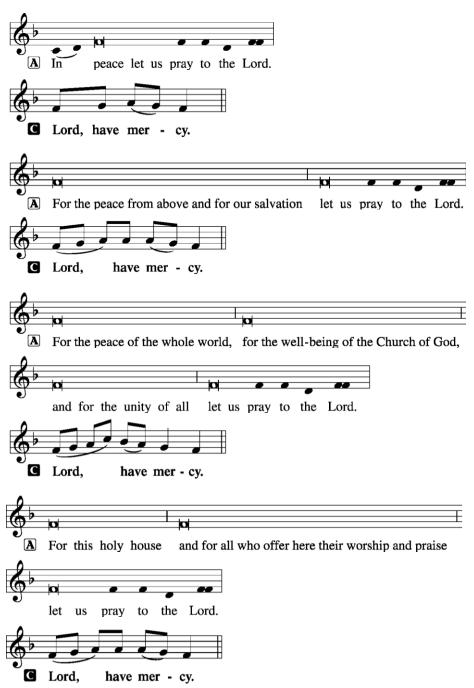
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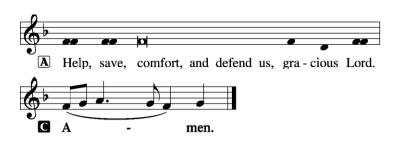
Introit

Ps. 107:1-2, 41-42; antiphon: Ps. 107:8

- **P** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love.
- for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
- **G** for his steadfast love endures forever!
- $\overline{\mathbf{P}}$ Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,
- **C** whom he has redeemed from trouble.
- **P** He raises up the needy out of affliction
- **C** and makes their families like flocks.
- **P** The upright see it and are glad,
- **C** and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
- 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
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- for his wondrous works to the children of men!

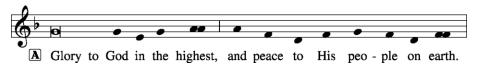
Kyrie Mark 10:47





Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





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:



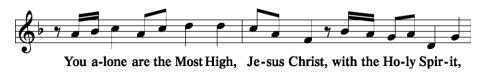
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

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

Gradual *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle Hebrews 9:24–28

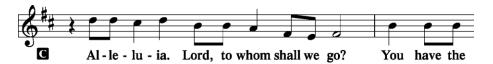
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

2 Cor. 8:9

P Alleluia. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.





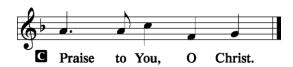
Holy Gospel Mark 12:38–44

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



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Hope of the World







Sermon Hebrews 9:24–28

"Are You Saved?"

Stand

Nicene Creed (8:15)

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)

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 \(\frac{1}{2} \) everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the Church

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

Stand



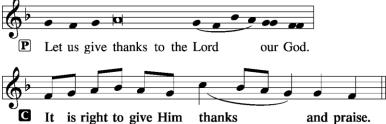
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Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

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

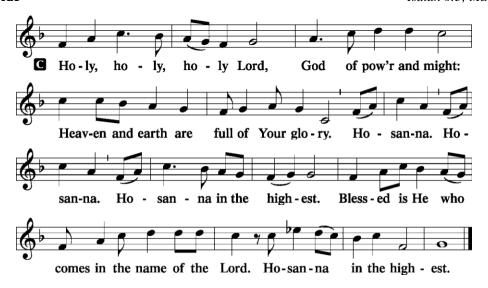




Proper Preface

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



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.

G 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."

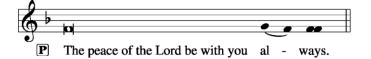
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- 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

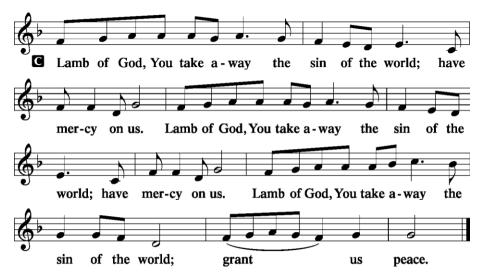
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

Pax Domini John 20:19





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: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

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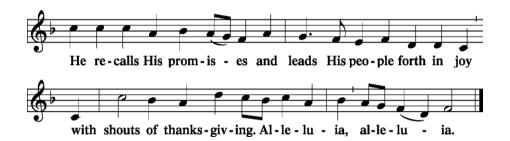
Hymn: Not What These Hands Have Done

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Stand

Thank the Lord





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 + give you peace.



Closing Hymn: O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527

Postlude

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Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Closing Collect

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

Benediction

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The Lord lift His countenance upon you and H give you peace.

C Amen

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School in the lower level of Parker Hall 9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall

10:45 a.m. – Divine Service

MON - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center

MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. – Board of Elders

TUESDAY: NO 7th 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: 12:00 noon – Devotions with Pastor

5:15 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. – Grace Craft Show and Used Book Sale

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - "God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail" is the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Consider discussing, "How does sin cause us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have?" Talk about Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of Parker Hall. **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 series entitled *A Man Named Martin*, which examines the life and times of Martin Luther. This week Pastor Kobs will lead the class in Pastor Walter's absence.

GUEST PREACHER - Our thanks to Rev. Darrell Kobs for leading us in worship this morning. Pastor Kobs is a retired Pastor from Russellville, Arkansas where he served as Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church for 23 years. Please welcome Pastor Kobs to Grace this morning.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Kindschi and Paul Walter who were married Saturday afternoon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Pastor Walter officiating. Paul is the son of Pastor and Paula Walter. Congratulations and God's blessings to Jessica and Paul.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 8 – Lauren Faulkner, Margaret Schulz

Nov. 9 – Erich Cline

Nov. 10 – Richard Bemberg

Nov. 11 – Alicia Eustice, David Faulkner, Mary Kathryn Stein

Nov. 12 – Janie Ginnochio, Greg Keppel

Nov. 14 – Penny Kalinowsky, Joyce Wilhelm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 14 – Elwanda and Harold Wells

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Penny Kalinowsky will have cataract surgery on Wednesday.

Katie Litwa is recovering following surgery on her leg last Wednesday.

Irvin Clawitter is at Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehab, 3001 Aldersgate Road #106 Suzanne Raddle is recovering following foot surgery.

Linda Bradshaw is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Elwanda Wells is recovering following her heart procedure surgery.

Bob Grant is recovering following back surgery.

Dennis Fastenau is at home and continuing his treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – **Attendance:** Sunday 11/1: <u>201</u> (8:15 – <u>115</u> and 10:45 – 86). Mid-Week Service 11/4: <u>9</u>. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/1: \$15,554.25. Mid-Week 10/28: \$87.00. Missions: \$160.00. Memorials: \$50.00. Scholarship Fund: \$215.00. Building Fund: \$660.00.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION <u>WILL NOT</u> meet this Tuesday. **8th GRADE CONFIRMATION** meets on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on Monday, November 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Carter Stein is the director.

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL will meet on Monday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. VOTERS' MEETING is Monday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Jon Lindemann is the executive director.

NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR is Thursday, November 12th, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us for Bible study and fellowship. Drinks, chips, and dessert are provided. Bring a friend and join us ...this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!!

WOMEN OF GRACE will meet on **November 19th**, 6:00 p.m., at *Izzy's Restaurant* for our *''Giving Thanks Dinner''*. Families and friends are invited. There is a sign-up sheet on the bridge or call Pat at 663-3631 by November 16th to make your reservation so we can contact *Izzy's*.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on Tuesday, **November 17th**, **at 12:00 noon** in Parker Hall. Plan to join us for a delicious lunch provided by our ACTS friends and a great time of fun and fellowship. Call the church office for more information.

THE GRACE YOUTH and their families would like to thank the members of the congregation that attended the Holy Taco Lunch last Sunday. We sincerely appreciate your support as we raise the funds needed to travel to the National Youth Gathering in July 2016. We hope you enjoyed the lunch as much as we enjoyed preparing and serving it to you! Thank you all!

CONGRATULATIONS - Alex Roberts was crowned queen of the 8th grade homecoming court at Maumelle Middle School. The girls on the court were presented Thursday, October 22^{nd} , in a pep assembly and during the football game that evening. Congratulations, Alex!!

INVITATIONS - We have invitations available on the tables at both entrances to the sanctuary for our *Thanksgiving Day Service* on Thursday, November 26th, at 9:00 a.m. Please use them to invite your family and friends to join us for worship.

THY STRONG WORD on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org. Join us as we look into the Book of Isaiah:

Mon. Nov.9 --- Isaiah 5 "The Vineyard of the Lord Destroyed"

Tues. Nov. 10 --- Isaiah 6 "Isaiah's Vision of the Lord"

Wed. Nov. 11 --- Isaiah 7 "Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz"

Thurs. Nov. 12 --- Isaiah 8 "The Coming Assyrian Invasion"

Fri. Nov. 13 --- Isaiah 9 "For to Us a Child Born"

Monday-Friday @ 11am Central Time. Archived at <u>KFUO.org</u>. Follow us on <u>Facebook.com/KFUOradio</u>.

NOTES AND CARDS - The holidays are fast approaching, please remember our sick and home bound members in your prayers and send them a note or card to let them know we're thinking of them and praying for them.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT WADE

TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND

By Robert and Carole Nichols

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY ANN BEMBERG - Aunt of Bobby Bemberg

TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND

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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

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