

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
November 15, 2015

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Dearest Lord Jesus, You will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and as You have promised You will give me and all who believe in You eternal life. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant me to live my life in the confident hope of the resurrection even as I seek to serve You in this time by giving witness of my faith in You to my neighbor. In Your name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is a blessing to have you here today, members and visitors alike. It is our prayer that in this time of the Lord's Service to us your faith will be strengthened through the living and active Word of God. As we hear the Good News of eternal life in Christ Jesus we respond to God's grace and mercy with our hymns and prayers. As You leave this place today it is our prayer that you will be refreshed by the Gospel for a week of service to the Lord and your neighbor. **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 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 Church Year is rapidly coming to an end. Today is the next to last Sunday of our current year and we hear the great promise we confess confidently every Sunday: "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Our greatest fear is death, but in our Baptisms we are given forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation. The prophet Daniel describes the great hope that after this time of trial and tribulation that is a part and parcel of our lives in this world, God will fulfill His promise of resurrection and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. In His creating action, God made man, male and female, in His image. They were created holy and thereby reflected that attribute to their Creator. Man who was formed from the dust of the ground received the breath of life as it was breathed into him by God. But man lost that holiness and as a result of the Fall we all return to the dust from which we were taken. Nevertheless Jesus took that dusty death into Himself for our salvation and then rose from the dead so that all who believe in Him will have eternal life.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of his House by Lucia Jones in loving memory of her father, Albert Hursey whose birth date is today, 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)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
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
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	David Faulkner, Cole Hill Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeter:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Choirs:		Adult Choir, Handbell Choir
Piano:		Carly Golladay
Coffee Hosts:		Debbie Craig and Mildred Wilkins
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 22nd, the Last Sunday of the Church Year, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6 , The Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37.

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

Pre-Service Music

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near - Stephen P. Johnson

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near [BWV 755] - J.S. Bach

Ring of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

Service Note: *The Choir will sing Stanza 4.*

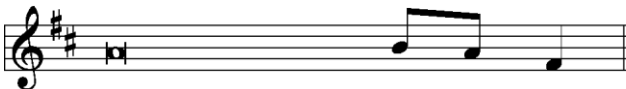
Stand

Opening Versicles

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



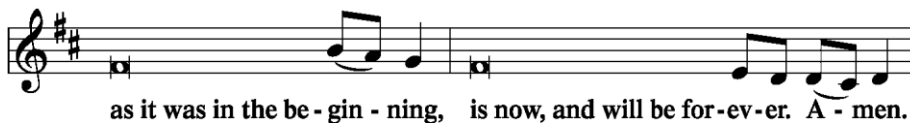
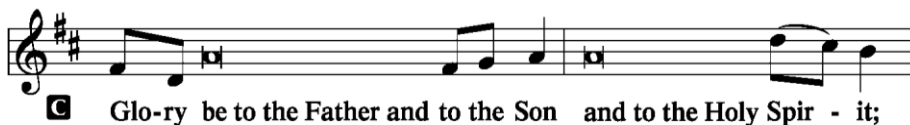
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Psalmody

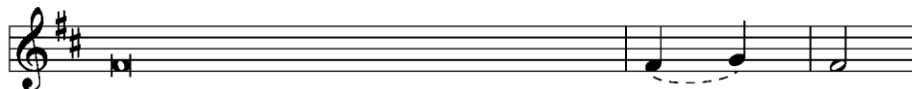
Antiphon

P The Lord will come again in glory.

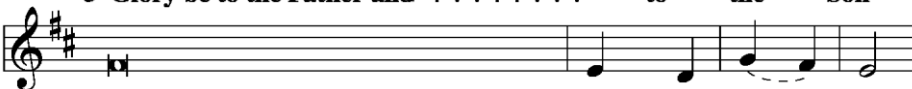


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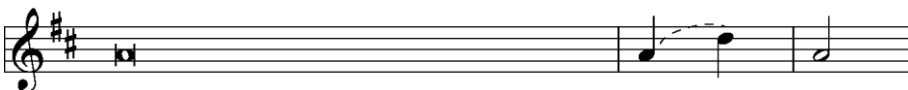
Psalms 95:1-7



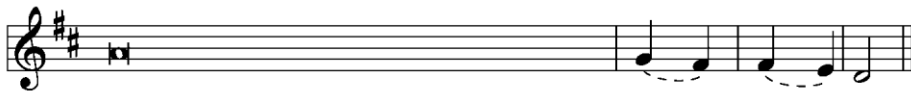
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



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** The Lord will come again in glory.



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

Psalms

Psalm 16 (antiphon: v. 11b, c)



- A** In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
 at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.
C Preserve me, | O God,*
 for in you I take | refuge.
A I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*
 I have no good a- | part from you."
C As for the saints | in the land,*
 they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.
A The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
 their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names | on my lips.
C The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
 you | hold my lot.

- A** The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.
- C** **I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;***
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
- A** I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- C** **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;***
my flesh also | dwells secure.
- A** For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- C** **You make known to me the | path of life;***
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- |
evermore.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the be- | ginning,***
is now, and will be forever. | Amen
- A** In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Sit

Children's Message

Office Hymn: Baptismal Waters Cover Me

LSB 616

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1–3

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

Anthem

Creator of the Stars of Night - Jacob Weber (LSB 351)

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11–25

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

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1–13

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

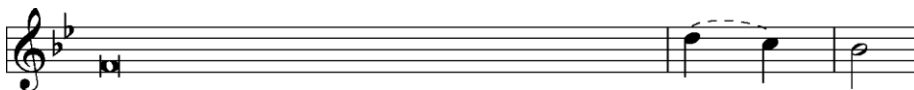
Daniel 12:1–3

“Buried With Christ”

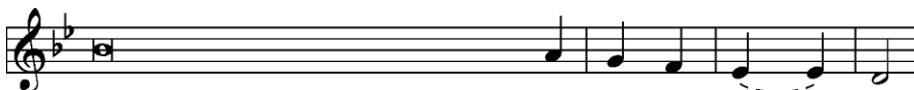
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Canticle

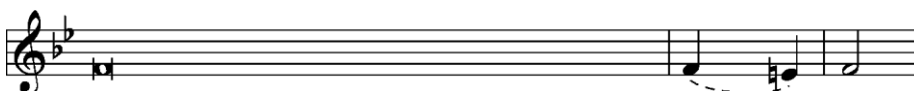
Te Deum



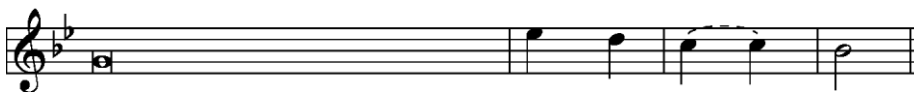
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



- 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:



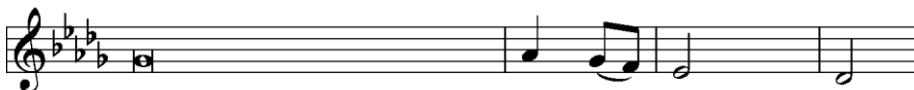
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



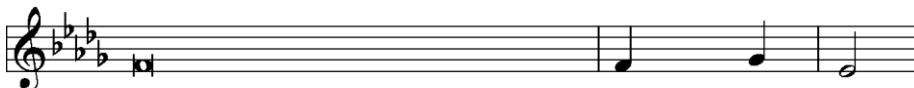
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



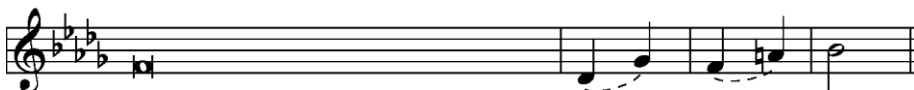
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er of man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



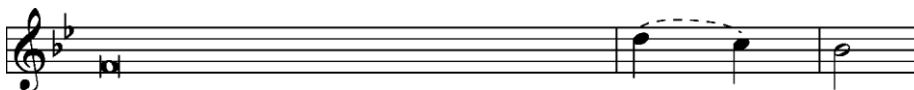
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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.



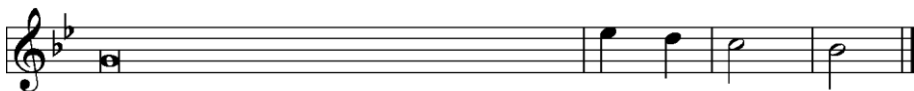
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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.

Blessing of Communion Vessels

Address

- P** Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels used to convey to us His body and blood should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 (antiphon Ps 34:8)

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**
- P** What shall I render to the LORD
C **for all his benefits to me?**
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation
C **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** I will pay my vows to the Lord
C **in the presence of all his people,**
- P** in the courts of the house of the LORD,
C **in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**
- 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** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Versicles

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.


Collect

P Let us pray.

Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless these vessels for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Blessing of the Communion Vessels

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these communion vessels and all who receive the life-giving Sacrament.

C Amen

Sit

Offering

Baptismal Waters Cover Me - Jeffrey Blersch

Stand

Prayer

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Lord's Prayer

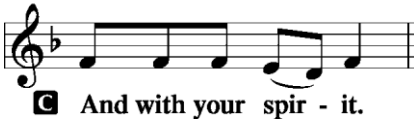
Matthew 6:9–13

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



Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

P The grace of our Lord ☩ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

Postlude

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - Richard Hillert



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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 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 with Holy Communion
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Parish Planning Council
7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Class
- TUESDAY:** 12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
5:30 p.m. – 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:** **NO** 8th Grade Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Women of Grace ***Giving Thanks Dinner***
at Izzy’s Restaurant on Highway 10

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The account of God giving “The Ten Commandments” to Moses is today’s Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God’s laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. *Ask your children, “Who kept the Law perfectly for us?”* Though we sin much, daily we have God’s forgiveness because of Christ, His Son.

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 is leading a series entitled ***A Man Named Martin***, which examines the life and times of Martin Luther. This is a Bible study series from the Men’s Network of the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

DEDICATION OF COMMUNION WARE –Today we dedicate a new set of communion ware here at Grace. Our sincere thanks to Dorris and Allen Deislinger for this gift given to Grace Lutheran Church to the glory of God and for His many blessings.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 17 – Danielle and Keylon Wilbert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 15 – Evan Beethe

Nov. 17 – Emily Junkans, Robert Guy Middaugh

Nov. 19 – Diane Bruce

Nov. 20 – Debbie Penny

Nov. 21 – Pam Welling Smith

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Carol Rosteck is hospitalized at St. Vincent Medical Center.

Penny Kalinowsky is recovering following cataract surgery on Wednesday.

Irvin Clawitter is at Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehab, 3001 Aldersgate Road #106

Linda Bradshaw is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Bob Grant is recovering following back surgery.

Dennis Fastenau is at home and continuing his treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 11/8: 175 (8:15 – 92 and 10:45 – 83). Mid-Week Service 11/11: 4. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/8: \$5,093.50. Mid-Week 11/4: \$560.00. Memorials: \$1,000.00. Building Fund: \$140.00. Youth Fund: \$115.00.

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

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION will NOT MEET on Thursday.

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.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on Tuesday, **November 17th**, at 12:00 noon in **Parker Hall**. 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.

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 tomorrow, to make your reservation.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets Monday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m. They are currently doing a study on our liturgy. Contact Chaplain David Witte at drwitte@gmail.com for their meeting location or other details.

FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your help in continuing to restock our Food Pantry. We are still in need of the following items for our Food Pantry: variety of canned chunky soups (NO creamy soups), canned fruits, canned vegetables and a variety of pasta. A great place to shop this week for these items is at Kroger (with your Kroger card) while they are having their sale on these items: **Campbell's Chunky soups are 99 cents when you buy any 10; Green Giant vegetables are 49 cents when you buy any 10;** Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry. We appreciate your donations.

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER - First Lutheran – Little Rock LWML will serve their annual Turkey Dinner in their fellowship hall TODAY following their 10:00 a.m. Service. A freewill offering will be collected and the proceeds will benefit Arkansas Rice Depot.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOTTIE PULLIAM – Mother of Janet Pulliam
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Janet Pulliam



You are cordially invited to join with the ECDC kids
for our traditional
Thanksgiving Feast of Stone Soup
complete with kid made Pumpkin Pies and Cornbread

Friday, November 20, 2015

11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

ECDC Common Area