

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
November 10, 2013

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Almighty and Everlasting God, You are from eternity and Your rule is from everlasting to everlasting. In many and various ways You revealed Yourself through the prophets and in these last days You have revealed Yourself through Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant me to trust in His promise that He is with me always to the very end of the age and further grant me to grow in my faith and the knowledge that Jesus is Lord to Your glory. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! This morning we begin moving toward the end of the Church Year in what has traditionally been the Third Last Sunday in the Church Year. During this time we focus on the things of the End Times, the now and not yet. For the Christian there is not fear in these things but true joy as we look to that day when the Lord will come to raise the dead and give unto us and all believers in Christ, eternal life. We also realize that this is what is ours even now by grace through faith as we are God's redeemed and forgiven children, made His in the waters of Holy Baptism.

We are glad you are here today! We invite you to come and worship again. We ask everyone to fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher during the Offering. Children 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. Restrooms are also located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers. If you need more information about Grace Lutheran Church please speak with our Pastor.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 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

God is a God of life! Death is an intrusion, brought upon us by the sin of our first parents and lived out in our lives. Sin is so terrible that death's curse fell upon all creation. Although we live in a world where many believe that death is a natural part of life (how ironic), we know according to Scripture that in the beginning it was not so. In the Old Testament reading God reveals His name—YHWH (or Yahweh). A proper translation of the Hebrew name for God could be "the Living God", or "the One Who Is." How can the created truly understand the meaning of life imagined, begotten, begun by the Creator? As God's created people we need the Creator Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Who was in the beginning with God, to save us from sin and death and deliver us to life everlasting.

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 shares that they are both veterans. She also gives thanks to the Lord for His 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)	Annalia Buchanan
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Gary Proud
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Sam Cate Dennis Fastenau, Jack Funk
Greeter:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Sandy Price, Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Lauren Faulkner
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Ushers:	(10:45)	David Faulkner, Cole Hill Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeter:	(10:45)	Laine Krueger
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Nancy Wade
Choir:		Adult Choir
Soloist:		Suzanne Lambert
Coffee Host:		Tim and Stephana Loyd
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 17th, the 26th Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6, The Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-28.

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

Pre-Service Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - Jeffrey Blersch

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - John Behnke

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

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 (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 \dagger 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**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: Ps. 115:11

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield.**

P Why should the nations say,

C **“Where is their God?”**

P Our God is in the heavens;

C **he does all that he pleases.**

P Their idols are silver and gold,

C **the work of human hands.**

P Those who make them become like them;

C **so do all who trust in them.**

P The dead do not praise the LORD,

C **nor do any who go down into silence.**

- P** But we will bless the LORD
- C** from this time forth and forevermore. 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** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
- C** He is their help and their shield.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

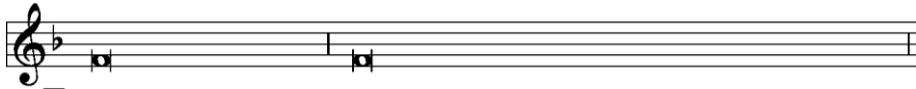
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.



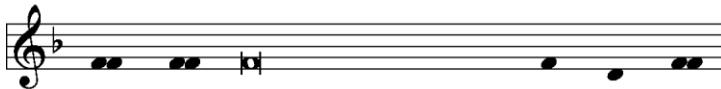
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.



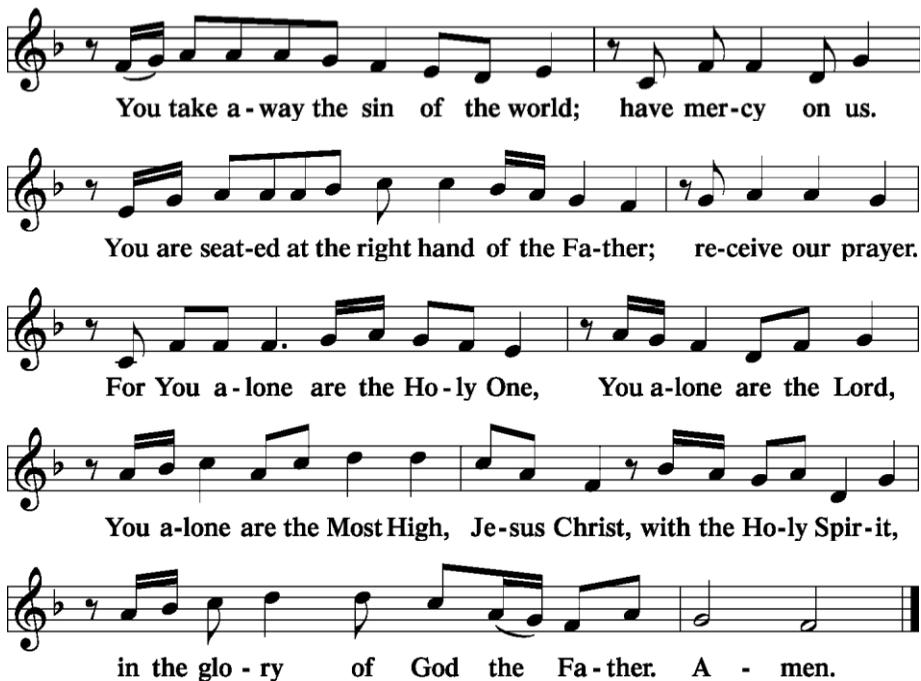
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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.
 Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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.

Anthem: I AM Forever WHO I AM

Kurt von Kampen

Service Note: *The choir will sing stanzas 1-4, with the congregation joining for stanzas 5 and 6.*

1 Though mountains slide into the sea,
 And waters rush where fields should be,
 Though monuments and nations fall,
 Your holy city stands through all.
 When nothing seems to stay the same,
 You teach us your eternal name

Refrain:

I AM forever WHO I AM.
Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.

2 We buy and sell, we lose or gain;
 Our fortunes shift like sun and rain.
 Sustain our lives, reward our toil
 With bread and honey, wine and oil.
 Save us and others from our greed;
 You always give us what we need. *Refrain*

3 Our lust for power, wealth, and land
 Diminishes the earth you planned.
 Prevent our crimes and futile wars;
 Convince us that all things are yours.
 We rage and burn and kill and steal,
 But you redeem, restore, and heal. *Refrain*

4 Like shepherds watching for the light,
 Aware of dangers in the night,
 We hear the angel: "Do not fear,
 The Savior of the world is near."
 We run, we see, we touch, we laugh.
 You came to earth on our behalf. *Refrain*



5. Each gen - er - a - tion looks for truth, And
 6. Some days seem long, though life is brief, And



doubt can trou - ble age or youth. If
 death is wait - ing like a thief. When



o - ther gods would take you place, Re -
 vis - ion fades and dreams go dry, We



mem - ber us with love and grace. Re -
 will on un - seen things re - ly. Our



claim us if we go a-stray; You are the Truth, the Life, the Way.
 stor - ies take up but a page, But yours goes on from age to age.

Refrain



I AM for-ev-er WHO I AM. A -bove you, be -neath you, A -



round you and with-in you. Be still and know that I am God.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

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

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Luke 20:38

P Alleluia. He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him. 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 20:27–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth 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: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

Sermon

“I Am Forever Who I Am”

Exodus 3:1–15

Stand

Nicene Creed (8:15)

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

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen

Reception of a New Member - Adult Confirmation (8:15)

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

We Walk By Faith - Lynn Trapp

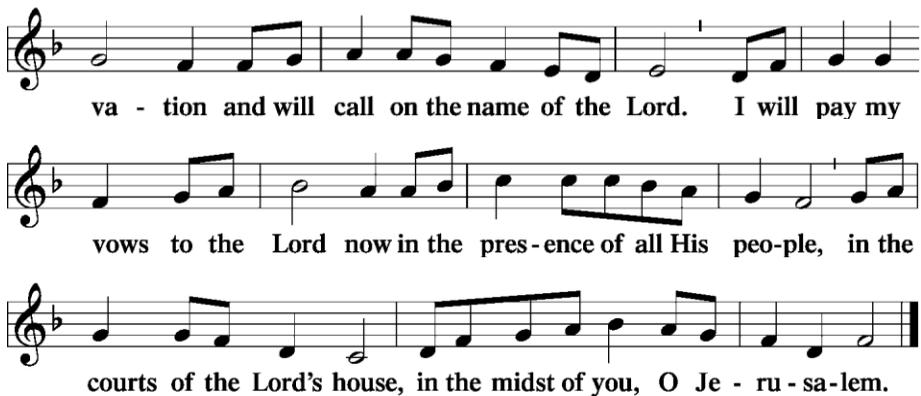
Stand

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.

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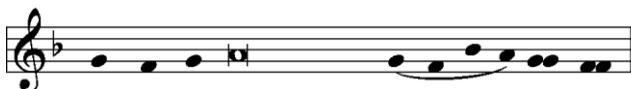
Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of 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

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

- 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:



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: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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Hymn: Be Still, My Soul

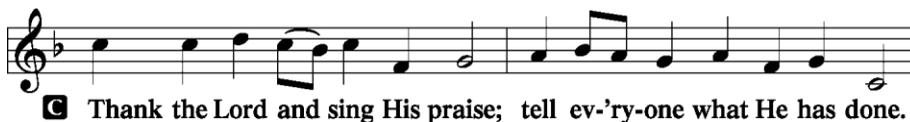
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Hymn: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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Stand

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

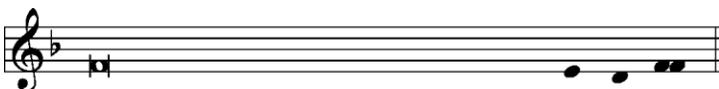
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Postlude

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise - Franklin D. Ashdown



Service Concludes (10:45)

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**

Closing Collect

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ 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 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
1:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir
5:00 p.m. – Senior Youth Dinner and Devotion with Pastor
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Board of Elders
7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study at St. Vincent’s
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion
- THURSDAY:** 12:00 noon – Noon Devotions with Pastor
4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – LWML Evening Guild “Giving Thanks” dinner at Izzy’s
6:00 p.m. – Wittenberg Café
- FRIDAY:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – LWR Care Van
- SATURDAY:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – LWR Care Van

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The account of “The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace” serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus was with and saved the three men in the fiery furnace, so our Savior is with us and saves us in His Word and Sacraments, sustaining us when we suffer for His name. *Questions for discussion include, “Who appeared in the fiery furnace with the three men? How has God rescued us from the fires of hell?”*

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets this 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** with 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.

WELCOME - Ms. Anna Lane will be received into communicant membership of our Grace congregation this morning by Adult Confirmation. Please welcome Anna to our Grace Family.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Norma Bisgood is a patient in Hospice Home Care on Bowman Road.
Arthur Langlais has suffered a severe stroke.
Lance Whitney is recovering following hip replacement surgery.
Judy Rivers is recovering following knee replacement surgery.
Jeannie Worlund is recovering following knee replacement surgery.
Jeanette Keehn continues receiving care at home.
Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 14 – Elwanda and Harold Wells

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 10 – Richard Bemberg, Jeanette Keehn
Nov. 11 – David Faulkner, Mary Kathryn Stein
Nov. 12 – Janie Ginnochio, Greg Keppel
Nov. 13 – Richard Haddock
Nov. 14 – Penny Kalinowsky, Joyce Wilhelm
Nov. 15 – Evelyn Shrader

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 11/3: 192 (8:15 – 111 and 10:45 – 81). Mid-Week 11/6: 10. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/3: \$9,629.50. Mid-Week 10/30: \$140.00. Memorials: \$155.00. Fan Into Flame: \$55.00. Building Fund: \$385.00. Seminary Student Scholarship Fund: \$125.00. Mission Fund: \$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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. Miranda Elling, mother of Nancy Wade, who passed away on Saturday, November 2nd, in New York. Please keep Nancy and Jim in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Ashley Hicks and Mark Weinhold who were married on Saturday here at Grace with Pastor Walter officiating. Ashley is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Hicks and granddaughter of Carroll and Doris Holzhauser.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Rev. Michael and Sandi Middaugh on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Isabel Villarreal Middaugh, on November 5th. Scarlett's grandparents are Riley and Randy Middaugh.

SENIOR YOUTH will meet for **Dinner and Devotion with Pastor** at 5:00 p.m. **TODAY** in Parker Hall. Call Pastor Walter if you have questions.

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on **Monday, November 11th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Gary Proud is the director.

NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR is **Thursday, November 14th**, 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...a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!! Call the church office if you have questions.

LWML EVENING GUILD - 'GIVING THANKS DINNER' is this **Thursday, November 14th**, at **6:00 p.m.** at Izzy'z Restaurant, 5601 Ranch Drive, off Cantrell Road. Please let Joan Ann Olsen know you're coming so she can make the reservations.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE VAN - The Care Van will be at Grace on **Friday, November 15th**, from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, November 16th**, from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help Pastor Walter with receiving and loading the boxes from congregations in the Central Arkansas area. Call the church office if you can help for a couple of hours.

BABY GIRL SHOWER – You are invited to a *Baby Girl Shower* for Aaron and Kirby Walter on **Saturday, November 30th**, **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. Aaron and Kirby are registered at BabiesRUs and on line at BuyBuyBaby. Aaron and Kirby are flying here, so if you want to have gifts shipped to their home that would be great. The hostesses are Lori Bloom, Pat Funk, Kaye Gilbert, Sammie Sue Harrill, Susan Mahnken, Carole Nichols, Angie Proud, Margaret Schulz, Ann Stoker, and Sheila Wilimzig.

THANK YOU – Our thanks to Andrea Faulkner for using her gifts and talents to coordinate and oversee the work being done in the choir room and classroom downstairs in the church. She has spent many hours coordinating with contractors to waterproof, plaster, paint, and install tile, carpet, and cabinets/closets in these two rooms and the surrounding area. The rooms are beautiful...very warm and welcoming! We also appreciate her family, David, Lauren and Matthew, for their understanding and patience as Andrea coordinated this project for our Grace congregation.

THANK YOU - Our thanks to Robert Nichols for using his gifts and talents for the installation of the door access security system that is now in place and activated for both upstairs and downstairs in Parker Hall. Our facilities for the ECDC children and staff are now secured during the ECDC hours of operation. Also our thanks to Carole Nichols for always being there to assist Robert with pulling wires and installing and testing equipment. Robert and Carole have worked tirelessly for many afternoons, evenings and weekends to make this happen in the most efficient way.

GRACE FOOD PANTRY – Our thanks to everyone who brought items for the Concordia Seminary and Grace Food Pantries. We have had a great response!!! If you still have items to donate for the Grace Food Pantry, please place them on the table in the breezeway and we will continue to collect food through Thanksgiving. 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!

PARKER HALL BUILDING SECURITY – The installation of the door access security is place and has been activated for both upstairs and downstairs in Parker Hall. Currently, the system is activated Monday through Friday during the hours our Early Childhood Development Center is open. If you need access to that part of our building during these hours, please come up the ramp to the Church Office door and ring the bell. Also, please call the church office if you have questions. Thank you for helping us keep the building security for our ECDC children and staff.

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER - First Lutheran – Little Rock LWML will serve their annual Turkey Dinner in their fellowship hall on Sunday, November 17th, following their 10:00 a.m. Service. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Proceeds will be matched by a Thrivent for Lutherans grant and will benefit Arkansas Rice Depot. Tickets available at the door or call First Lutheran at 372-1023.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP is a great opportunity for visiting and getting to know our visitors or someone you haven't met before, but we need volunteers to serve refreshments during this fellowship time. Please take a minute to check the available dates for December on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. Thank you for serving!!

THANK YOU - A big thank you to the LWML members who provided food and volunteered their time to serve in the LWML Cafe during the Craft show. It was greatly appreciated.

Angie Proud

THANK YOU to all the Grace volunteers who worked many hours so the Fall Craft Show and Used Book Sale could be such a successful event. The show raised \$3440 and will receive a Thrivent Match. The proceeds go to support Kevin Ray, who is in his second year at Concordia Seminary. Our vendors were most appreciative of our wonderful facility and the volunteers who helped create a successful experience for them. The raffle quilt was won by our own Betty Schonert.

A breakdown of numbers for those interested:

Bake Sale-\$1,044

Book Sale-over \$911

Raffle Quilt-\$505

Crafter's Booth-\$267

Booth rentals-\$713 after expenses

Riley Middaugh and the Craft Show Committee

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. POLLY HICKS – Sister of Judy Keppel

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Rudy and Sherry Bischof

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Carroll and Doris Holzhauser

Thanksgiving Day Service

November 28th

9:00 a.m.

Join us on Thanksgiving Day as we come together for worship and to give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has provided.

Invite your family and friends!!