

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
June 22, 2014

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Word makes me wise to salvation as it both condemns me because of my sin and gives me life because of Your grace. Grant that as I am confronted by Your Word of Law I do not rebel against or take lightly Your will, but see that I must flee to Your boundless mercy found in Your Son Jesus and thereby relish the Good News of my complete yet undeserved forgiveness. Further grant that in response to Your love and grace I seek to live as Your redeemed and forgiven child showing forth Your praise. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is our prayer that in this short time Your faith will be strengthened through the powerful faith-creating and faith-sustaining Word of God. We especially extend a word of welcome to those visiting with us today. If you are not a member of Grace and 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. 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. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

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

When the various books of the Bible were written they did not have chapter and verse as our Bibles have today. The Bible was divided by chapter and verse by students of the Bible to make it easier for us to reference and then locate certain passages for our study. In today's Epistle reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we have a short verse that is loaded with the two chief doctrines of Holy Scripture as we have come to learn them and then teach them. In what we know to be Romans 6:23, we have on the one hand a summary of the Law, "for the wages of sin is death," and then likewise we have a summary of the Gospel, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." For us this is the key to understanding the whole of Holy Scripture which has been given to us so that we might know eternal life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Ralph and Joan Ann Olsen and Bill and Mildred Wilkins in celebration of their wedding anniversaries 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)	Ethan Andrews
Cantor:	(8:15)	Randy Middaugh
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Raymond Harrill
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols Robert Wilimzig, Paul Walter
Greeter:	(8:15)	Debbie Penny
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Janet Killough
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Lauren Faulkner
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	Jim and Nancy Wade
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline
Coffee Hosts:		Jim and Judy Keppel
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, June 22nd, The Second Sunday after Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13, The Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12-23, and The Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Salvation unto Us Has Come - Dennis W. Zimmer

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Salvation unto Us Has Come - Christopher Loemker

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1-5

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 ✠ 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. 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 56:13

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

P When I am afraid,

C **I put my trust in you.**

P In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

C **What can flesh do to me?**

P In God, whose word I praise,

C **in the LORD, whose word I praise,**

P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

C What can man do to me?

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 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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.



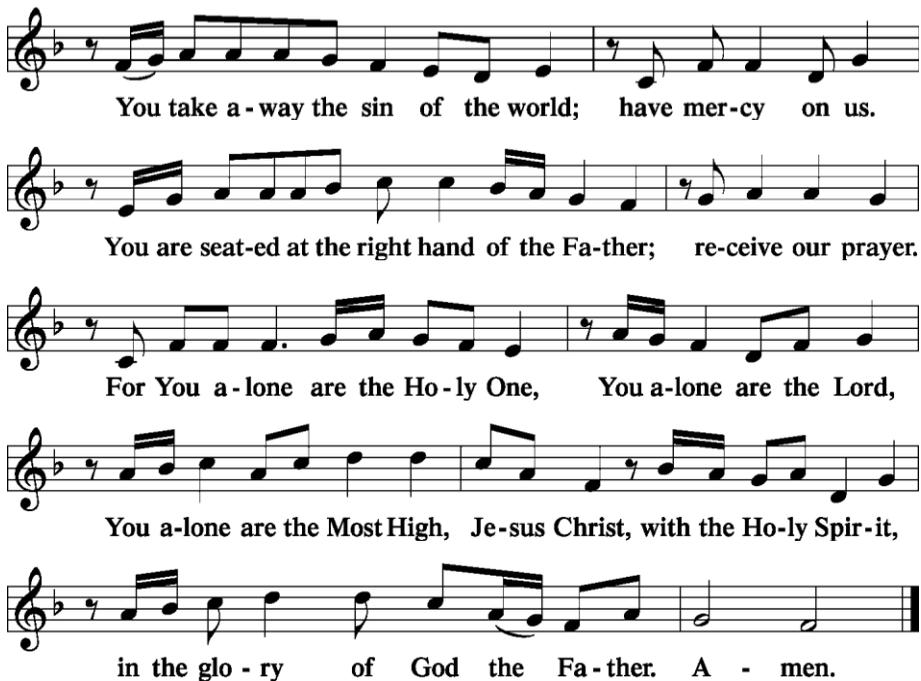
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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.

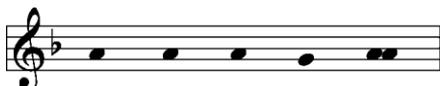
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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 God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

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

Gradual

Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b



Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle

Romans 6:12–23

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Matt. 10:32

- P** Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. 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

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth 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: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 6-10

Sermon

“Grace – Wages or Gift?”

Romans 6:23

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)

❶ 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

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

Salvation unto Us Has Come - John A. Behnke

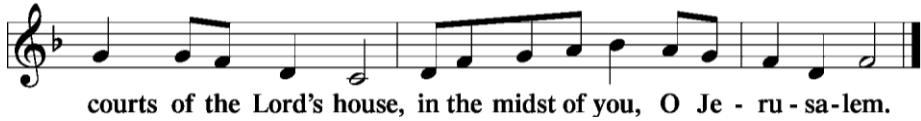
Stand

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

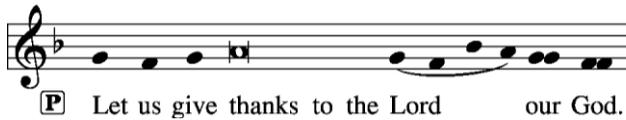


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Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

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 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

*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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
Hymn: O God, My Faithful God
Hymn: Amazing Grace

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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 - jice and proud-ly 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.

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.



C A - men.

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.



C A - - men.

Closing Hymn: Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

Postlude

Lord of Our Life - Kevin Hildebrand



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

Closing Hymn: Lord of Our Life

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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
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
5:00 p.m. – Fellowship Club and Friends Summer Cookout
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion

TODAY SUNDAY SCHOOL - This week’s Sunday School lesson, “H₂O! Survival: Elijah at the Brook Cherith,” helps students understand how God pours out His everlasting love for us and is with us, even when everything seems against us. God sustains us with His Spirit, the water of life. Families could discuss, “*Who does God use to provide our food and water today?*”

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has begun the study of the Letter to the Hebrews, and today he continues the section on chapter five of Hebrews.

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:

- June 22 – Gina and Joel Junkans
June 24 – Megan and John Calvillo
June 27 – Jo Hanna and Grady Worden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

- June 22 – Alma Carle, Carter Stein
June 23 – David Roberts, Kristin Wilkins
June 24 – Mildred Burgess, Lou Alice May
June 25 – Carolyn Moorman, Rob Nichols
June 27 – Faith Moseley, Gary Proud

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul Krueger continues his recovery.

The Worden family continues to recover after a tornado severely damaged their home.

Grant Geuther continues to recover at home.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 6/15: 197 (8:15 – 117 and 10:45 – 80). Mid-Week Service 6/18: 10. **Offerings:** Sunday 6/15: \$7,090.00. Mid-Week Service 6/11: \$140.00. Missions: \$100.00. Memorials and Honorariums: \$125.00. Building Fund: \$50.00. Scholarship Fund: \$1,021.00.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Rosemary Sorsby who passed away on Monday, June 16th, in hospice care. Rosemary is the mother of Riley Middaugh. Please remember Riley and Randy and their family in your prayers.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Thomas Holter who passed away on Tuesday, June 17th, following a motorcycle accident. Thomas is the great-nephew of Marietta Gutierrez. Please keep the Holter family in your prayers.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB - The indoor **Summer Cookout** for the Fellowship Club and Friends is this Tuesday, **June 24th, at 5:00 p.m.** in Parker Hall. It's not too late to call the church office, 663-3631, on Monday to let us know you're coming or that you need a ride. The Cookout is hosted by Pastor and Paula Walter.

VBS THANK YOU - With the dedication of our volunteers, Vacation Bible School is always a success and this year was no exception! It was an amazing week and so many children heard the Good News of Jesus' love and forgiveness. Thank you to Catherine Manchester, Gina Junkans and Diane Roberts for using their God-given talents as directors of our Vacation Bible School and thank you to all who gave of their time and resources to make our VBS a success.

AN HONORARIUM was given to the Grace Building Fund in honor of all the graduates – 8th grade, high school and college and in honor of our seminarian Kevin Ray by Irvin and Sherry Clawitter.

AN HONORARIUM was given to assist with Vacation Bible School in honor of Alma Carle's birthday by Donna Langlais.