

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
June 29, 2014

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You have given me peace with the Father through Your suffering, death and resurrection. That which was impossible for me to do You have accomplished for me and so I relish the peace of sins forgiven for Your sake. Grant that I share forgiveness with others in response to the forgiveness that You have secured for me. Help me thereby to be an agent of Your peace even as I serve as Your disciple sharing with others what You have freely done and graciously given to me. I pray this in Your holy 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 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

There are many kinds of peace in the world and in our life experiences from year to year, even day to day. We truly want to be at peace with one another and we want the world to be at peace. The reality is that there is not peace in the world, in our nation and in our streets, even in our homes. We know all too well that our schools can become places of violence where innocence and its peace can be shattered in an instant. Some peace is artificial and involves covering over realities that need to be addressed. Simply saying, "I am at peace," does not guarantee the full and true *shalom* that is God's plan for His children. As part of His ministry, Jesus brings a sword to cut through the façade of false peace and bring us true peace with God, the source of total well-being for time and for eternity. This is the work of the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Grady and Jo Hanna Worden in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for family, friends and those who have helped them during this challenging time following the tornado.

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
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
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	John Calvillo
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:		Roy, Ame, Perryn, Mason and Ethan Andrews
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Christina and Emily Junkans

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, July 6th, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12, The Epistle Reading: Romans 7:14-25a, and The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us - Paul Manz

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us - Nancy Raabe

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

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

Declaration of Grace (8:15)

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**

Absolution (10:45)

John 20:19–23

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 89:15–18; antiphon: Ps. 89:1

P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

C **with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

P Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

C **who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

P who exult in your name all the day

C **and in your righteousness are exalted.**

P For you are the glory of their strength;

C **by your favor our horn is exalted.**

P For our shield belongs to the LORD,

C **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

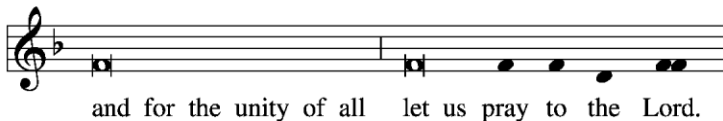
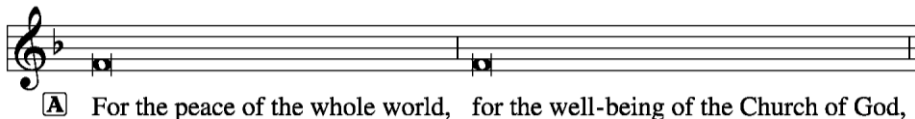
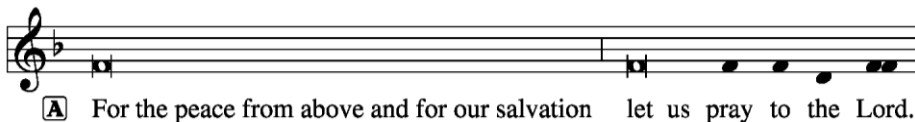
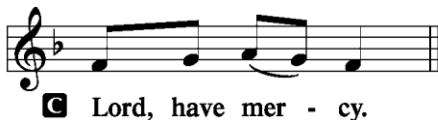
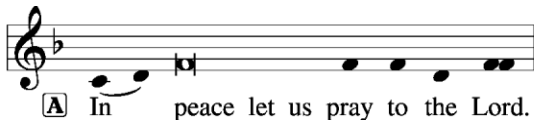
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

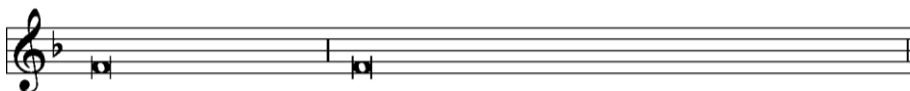
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C with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





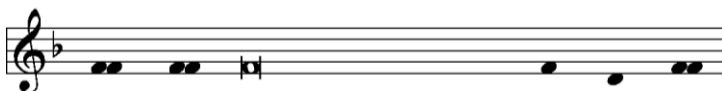
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 28:5–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rom. 11:33, 36



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Matt. 10:39

P Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

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: The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LSB 661

Sermon

Matthew 10:34–42

“And Give You Peace”

Stand

Apostles' Creed (8:15)

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**

Nicene Creed (10:45)

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Sit

Offering

The Son of God Goes Forth to War - Paul Soulek

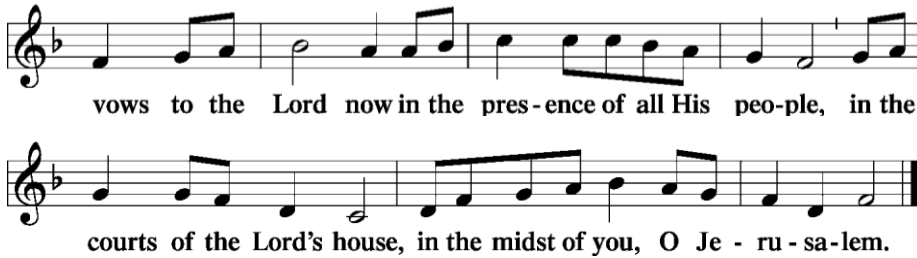
Stand

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



10:45 Service continues on the next page

Service Concludes (8:15)

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 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

- 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: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Postlude

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - Paul Manz

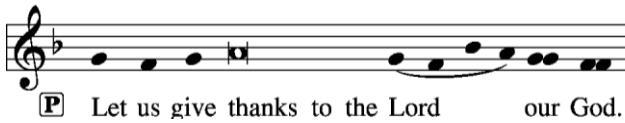


Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

Preface

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



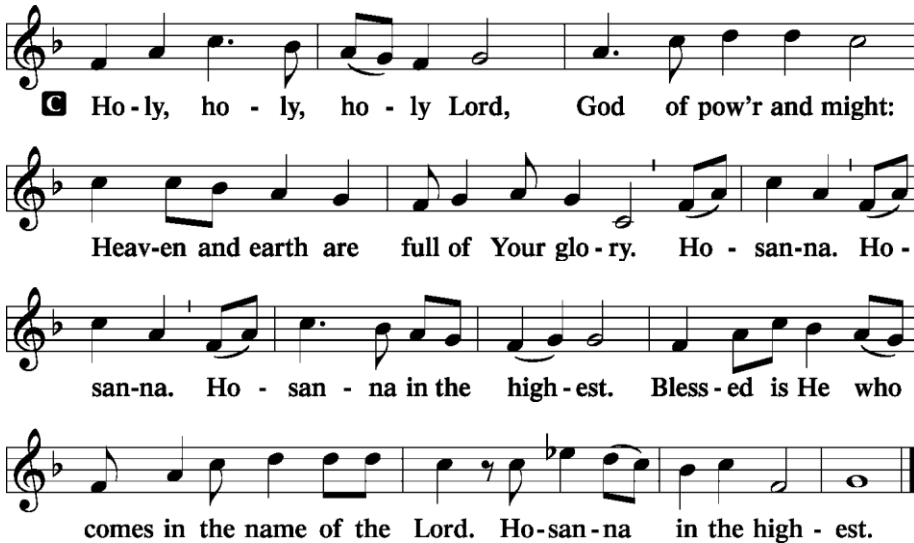


Proper Preface

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



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 I -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 I -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

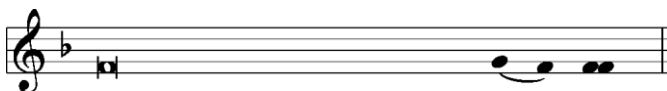
Matthew 6:9–13

- 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: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

Hymn: O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696

Hymn: Preserve Your Word, O Savior

LSB 658

Stand

Thank the Lord



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

☐ Let us pray.

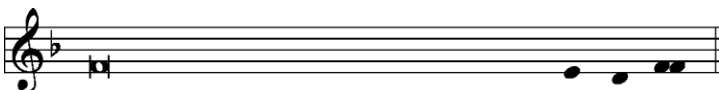
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your

saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Postlude

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - Paul Manz



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall 9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church 9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall 10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
MON - THURS:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
TUESDAY:	9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class 7:00 p.m. – Board of Elders
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s) 7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
FRIDAY:	Church Office and ECDC Closed

TODAY SUNDAY SCHOOL - The dramatic account “Fire and H₂O! Elijah and the Prophets of Baal” is the focus for Sunday School this week. Students will learn how the one and only God pours out His caring love for us by hearing and answering our prayers. Discuss, “*How does God reveal Himself to us 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 30 – Amber and David Solomon
July 3 – Charlotte and Stacy Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

June 29 – Dave Graf
June 30 – Philip Bemberg, Donna Langlais, Michael Litwa
July 3 – Jack Funk, Ryan Giese
July 4 – Robert Richter
July 5 – Jim Robinson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rudy Bischof is recovering from an outpatient procedure.

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 6/22: 164 (8:15 – 88 and 10:45 – 76). Mid-Week Service 6/25: 11. **Offerings:** Sunday 6/22: \$9,862.50. Mid-Week Service 6/18: \$140.00. Missions: \$50.00. Memorials: \$220.00. Building Fund: \$300.00. Scholarship Fund: \$100.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Morrison for being selected Girls Track Outstanding Coach of the Year. Mike is a coach at Pulaski Robinson.

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet Tuesday evening, July 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Gary Proud is the director.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ROSEMARY SORSBY TO THE GRACE MUSIC FUND

By Jon and Sandy Lindemann

Eldon and Margaret Schulz

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Rudy Bischof

Allen and Dorris Deislinger

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Raymond and Sammie Sue Harrill

Verna and Shirley Rieve

Warren and Judy Rivers

IN MEMORY OF MR. THOMAS HOLTER – Great-nephew of Marietta Gutierrez TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD MYERS –Uncle of Dawn Cline TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF MR. TOMMIE WIGGINS – Nephew of Warren Rivers
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF MRS. NELDA HICKS – Mother of Jeff Hicks
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY LOU HALL – Mother of Travis Starr
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Verna and Shirley Rieve

**NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH TRAINING CENTER
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

\$95,000 LWML GRANT

Rev. Dave Sternbeck is the first Native American LCMS pastor to graduate from the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Suicide and depression plague Alaskan communities at an especially higher rate during the dark winter months. Pastor Dave understands the challenges faced by Native people. Most of these individuals do not come from families or marriages that are intact, but rather from brokenness. They did not grow up in the Church or have spiritual leaders or mentors. Instead, most are very familiar with abuse. As Pastor Dave and Rosemary work with volunteers and build connections to the villages, they envision bringing in Native men during the winter months for a time of encouragement, renewal and equipping, so these men may return to their villages with a message of hope to their people. Lutheran Indian Ministries will use their LWML grant for purchasing a vehicle to transport volunteers; to help furnish the Alaskan Mission Training Center and provide travel and lodging for Pastor Dave and Rosemary to make trips to the villages. “The fields are ripe for harvest,” Pastor Dave says.

For more on this interesting story go to the “Mite Box” display in the breeze way or go to www.lwml.org and scroll down to “Mission Grants”. If you would like to invest in this ministry, Mite Boxes are available at the ramp entrance and the Mite Box Display. Blessings, Judy Rivers