

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
**June 5, 2016**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

O Lord God, You give life to those who are spiritually dead through Gospel means, Word and Sacraments. You have brought me over from death to life through the forgiveness of my sins earned for me and for all by my Savior Jesus Christ. You have changed me by Your Holy Spirit's power. Grant that I find comfort in Your promises and empower me to share Your comforting Good News with others who struggle in matters of life and death, for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen

**WELCOME**

**We welcome you this morning to Grace!** It is indeed good for you to be here today. May the Lord bless your time as you hear His Word and respond with hymns, praise and thanksgiving as your faith's response to the Good News of forgiveness and life. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word, please speak with our Pastor. **Once again 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 if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need. If you have any questions please speak with an Usher or Greeter.

**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**

Elijah called to the Lord for the life of a widow's son, and the Lord delivered him from death to life. Jesus met another widow at a funeral procession at the gate of a town known as Nain, and death gave up one more victim to the power of His Word. Look at the front of this Service folder and see the expression of sheer joy on the face of the smallest person, a cousin or a friend to the widow's son who could not believe that his sorrow had been changed to sheer joy! St. Paul tells the story of his own transformation from death to life by the Gospel, God's power to salvation! This same transforming power is at work in us who were dead in our sin and unbelief but now are alive to God in Christ. What a remarkable change given to us. Let us live this new life in our words and works, so that we display the power of God that has saved us and thereby glorify God.

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Eldon and Margaret Schulz in celebration of 33 years and for the Lord's many blessings.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Organist:		Dr. Jess Anthony
Choir Director:		Matthew Golladay
Piano Accompanist:		Carly Golladay
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols, Robert Wilimzig
Greeters:	(8:15)	Robert and Sheila Wilimzig
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Jim and Judy Keppel
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Morgan Yovanovich
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jonathan Cline
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger
		Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	Ann Stoker, Cynthia and Owen McCrory,
		Lindsay and Fred Zweifel
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Coffee Hosts:		VBS Kick-off – Board of Christian Education
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** – The appointed readings for next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13-14; The Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36–8:3.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*Aria – Flor Peeters*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517 sts. 1, 12, 3

## 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. 138:3, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 86:16*

**P** Turn to me and be gracious to me;

**C** give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

**P** On the day I called, you answered me;

**C** my strength of soul you increased.

**P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

**C** you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

**P** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

**C** your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

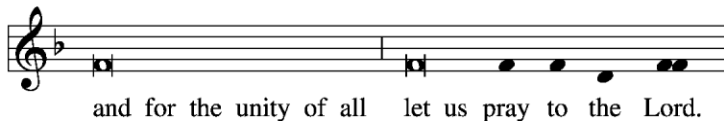
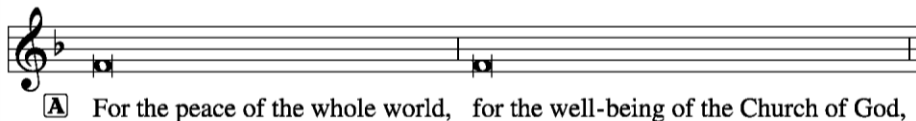
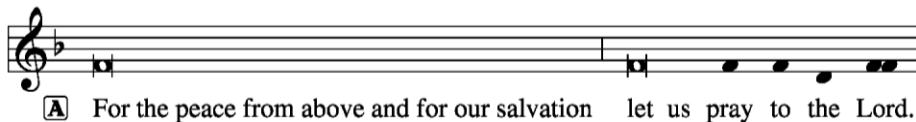
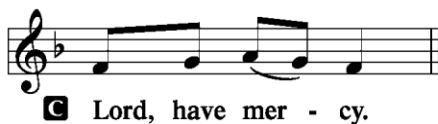
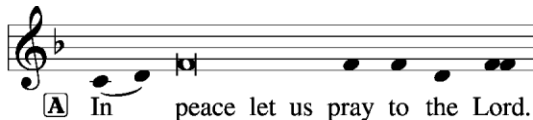
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

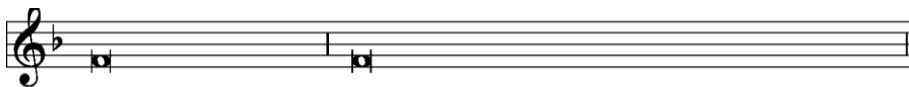
**P** Turn to me and be gracious to me;

**C** give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





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



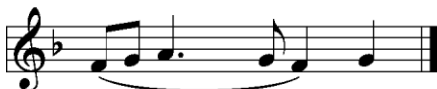
let us pray to the Lord.



**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.  
 O Lord, Father of all mercy and God of all comfort, You always go before and follow after us. Grant that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence and continually be given to all good works; 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

*1 Kings 17:17–24*

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

## Gradual

*Rom. 10:8b, 10*



The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,\*  
the word of faith that | we proclaim.  
For with the heart one believes and is | justified,\*  
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

## Epistle

*Galatians 1:11–24*

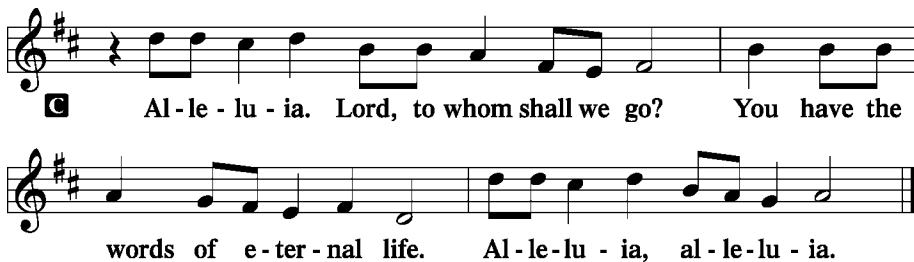
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*Luke 7:16b*

- P** Alleluia. A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! Alleluia.





## Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:11–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh 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: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Sermon

*Galatians 1:11-24*

*“The Gospel – Power for Change”*

*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**

## Reception of New Member by Adult Confirmation

### Installation of Vacation Bible School Workers

### 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

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier – J. S. Bach*

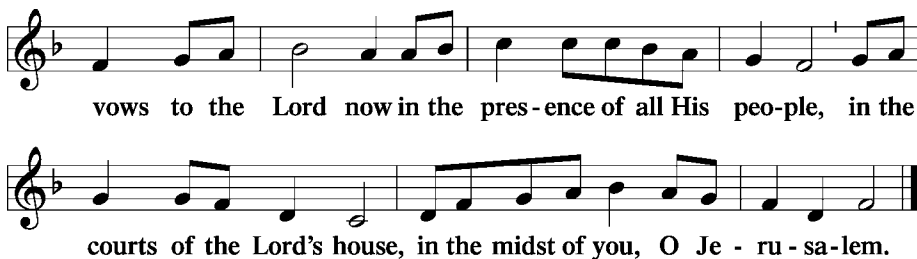
*Stand*

### 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** 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: O God of Light

LSB 836

## Postlude

*New Britain – Robert J. Powell*

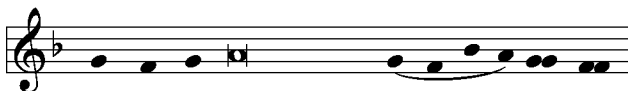


## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

### Preface

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





**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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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:

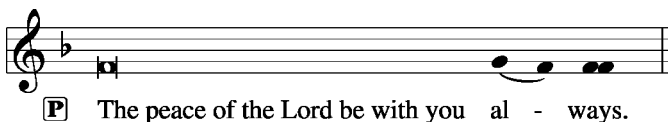
## Lord's Prayer

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



## Agnus Dei

John 1:29







*Sit*

## Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, “Take and drink.”

Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

Hymn: Amazing Grace

LSB 744

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

*Service Note: Stanzas 1-4, organ interlude, stanzas 5-8*

*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 - 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

**P** Let us pray.

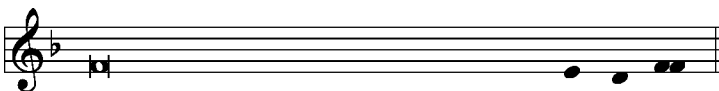
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and 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: O God of Light

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## Postlude

*New Britain – Robert J. Powell*



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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service <b>VBS Kick-off</b> - Coffee and Fellowship in Parker Hall 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 5:30 p.m. – <b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>MON - FRI:</b>	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
<b>MONDAY:</b>	5:30 p.m. – <b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	6:00 p.m. – Board of Endowment 5:30 p.m. – <b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study (St. Vincent's) 5:30 p.m. – <b>Vacation Bible School</b> 7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	12:00 noon – Devotions with Pastor 5:30 p.m. – <b>Vacation Bible School</b>

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - "Daniel in the Lions' Den" is today's Sunday School lesson. Daniel called upon the one true God, who heard Daniel's prayer and protected him in the lions' den. God hears our prayers and protects us from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss with your children, *"When are you tempted to not trust God?" "How does God answer our prayers today?"*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **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 study on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans and today will finish **Lesson 9** and begin **Lesson 10 "The Remnant and 'All Israel'"** – (Romans 11).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

June 7 - Janet Pulliam

June 8 – Paul Krueger, Laine Krueger

June 9 – Emma Eustice

June 10 – Houston Metzler, Brad Schnackenberg, Tommy Weed

June 11 – Hunter Goodwin, Jr.

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

June 5 – Amy and Randy Yovanovich

June 7 – Tina and Billy Wilkins, Jr.

June 8 – Lydia and Robert Bemberg

June 11 – Cecillia and Joe Gelzine, Suzanne and Josh Hardman, Allie and Kevin Ray

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Marion Meins has returned home from the hospital.

Irvin Clawitter is in hospice care at Colonel Glenn Nursing Home

Rachel Allen is recovering from a fall.

Dennis Fastenau has returned home and continues treatments.

Suzanne Raddle is recovering following foot surgery.

Wilma Richter is recovering following knee replacement surgery.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance:** Sunday 5/29: 148 (8:15 – 81 and 10:45 – 67). Mid-Week Service 6/1: 5. **Offerings:** Sunday 5/29: \$6,894.00. Mid-Week Service 5/25: \$160.00. Honorarium: \$100.00. Building Fund: \$125.00.

**NEW MEMBER** - This morning in our 10:45 Service, Mrs. JoAnn Bischof will be received into communicant membership in our Grace congregation by Adult Confirmation. Please welcome JoAnn to our Grace family.

**BOARD OF ENDOWMENT** will meet **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm** in the downstairs classroom in the church. Rudy Bischof is the director.

**NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR** is this **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall**. Bring a sandwich and join us as Pastor Walter leads us in a Bible study. Drinks, chips, and dessert are provided.

**A MEMORIAL** was given to the Grace General Fund by Irvin and Sherry Clawitter in memory and honor of those who served in the military.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Grace Lutheran Church

June 5 - 9, 2016  
5:30-8:15 p.m.



**BARNYARD ROUNDUP VBS**  
**begins TODAY!!!**

Join us this week for ***Vacation Bible School*** as we have a ***Barnyard Roundup***. We are having a kickoff celebration today between services in Parker Hall! **Come join us Sunday through Thursday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. for this exciting journey!** We will explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, play games, sing, and more! Registration forms are on the table in the bridge. See Catherine Manchester or Diane Roberts with any questions! See you tonight!

A kid-friendly meal will be served to the children each night.

Please contact Catherine Manchester ([cmanchester@icloud.com](mailto:cmanchester@icloud.com)) or Diane Roberts ([di4hogs@yahoo.com](mailto:di4hogs@yahoo.com)) with any questions.