

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
June 12, 2016

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Gracious Father, merciful Lord, because of Your great love for all which You have made and even for me, You sent Your Son Jesus to die so that I might live with the assurance of sins forgiven now and forevermore. By Your Holy Spirit's power grant that I may live my life in thanksgiving to You for Your great mercy shown to me. Further grant that I gladly seek to show my love for You in acts of service to You and my neighbor. In Jesus' name I boldly pray. 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 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

Both Law and Gospel; both sinner and saint; both confession and absolution. On this earth, we live with a constant tension of a "both...and" when it comes to who we are and what God calls us. We hear that clearly in today's readings, beginning with 2nd Samuel, King David admitted, "I have sinned against the LORD," and the prophet Nathan assured him, "The LORD has put away your sin." In the Gospel reading the sinful woman at the dinner party washed Jesus' feet with her tears of repentance, and Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven." Realizing our own sin, the breaking of God's Law which is good and wise for our earthly lives, and recognizing our continual need of a Savior, the Lord never leaves us in our guilt and shame. In our own repentance, we find the Good News of living in a "both...and" state, with the last words from the Lord always being ones of hope, promise, joy and forgiveness through Christ alone that "in Christ Jesus...we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." (Galatians 3:14)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Verna and Shirley Rieve in memory of their sister Vera and in thanksgiving 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
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	John Calvillo
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
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:		Eldon and Margaret Schulz
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The appointed readings for next Sunday, June 19th, The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9; The Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7; and The Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Olivet – Gordon Young

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

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. 25:16–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:1–2

P To you, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

P Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C for I am lonely and afflicted.

P The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

C bring me out of my distresses.

P Consider my affliction and my trouble,

C and forgive all my sins.

P Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

C Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

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 To you, O LORD,

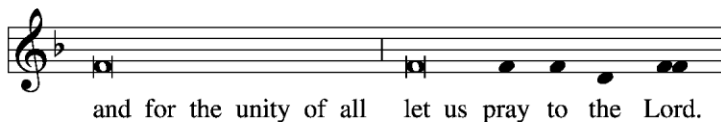
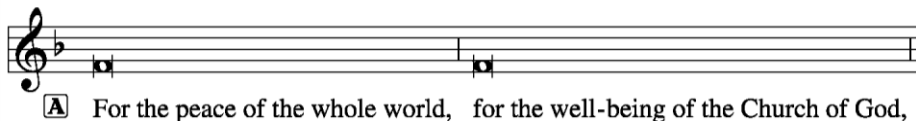
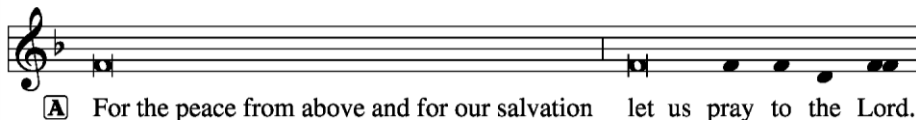
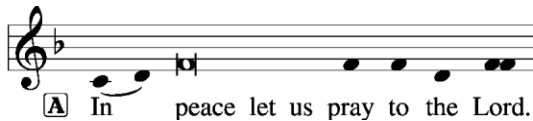
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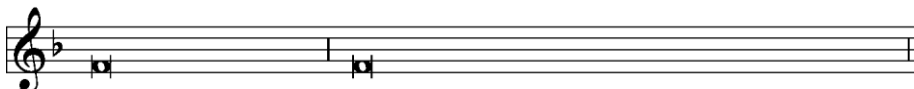
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C let not my enemies exult over me.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





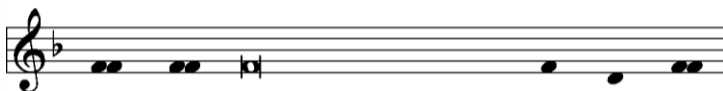
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.



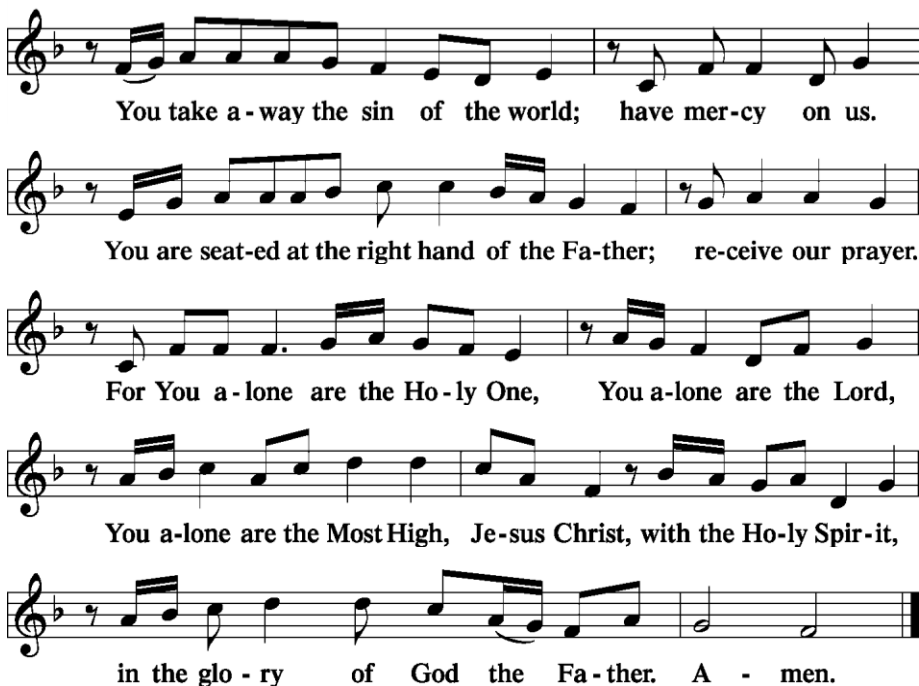
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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 and everlasting God, increase in us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may receive the forgiveness You have promised and love what You have commanded; 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

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–14

- 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 2:15–21; 3:10–14

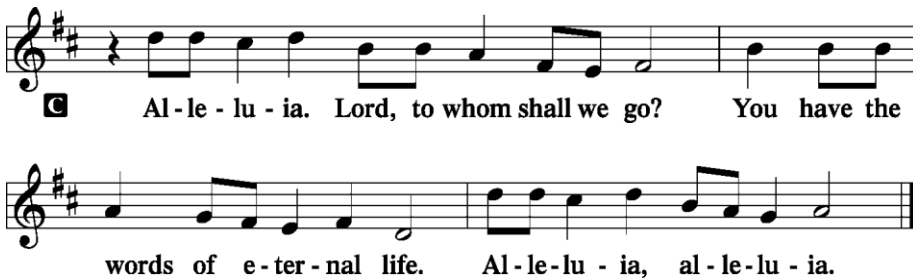
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

2 Sam. 12:13b; Luke 7:50b

- P** Alleluia. The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.
Your faith has saved you; go in peace. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 7:36—8:3

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

Sermon

Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14

“Life After Death”

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)

**☐ 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

In Thee Lord, Have I Hoped – Marcel Dupre

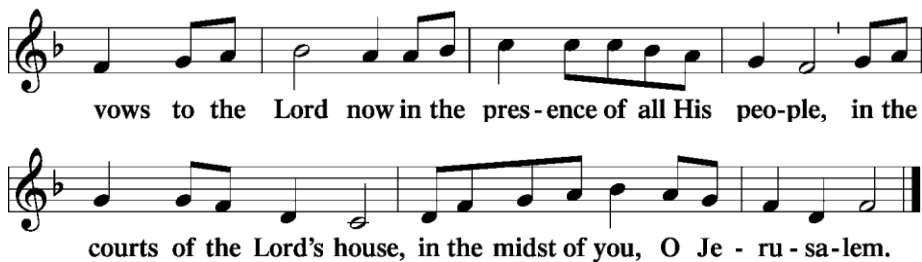
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Offertory

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

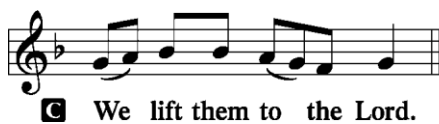
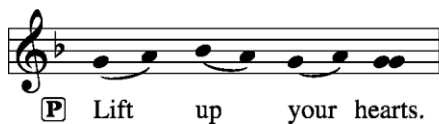


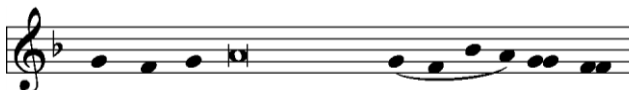
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Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

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 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:

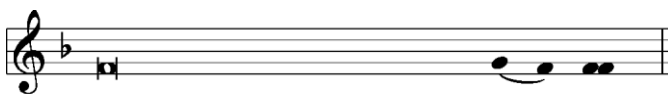
Lord's Prayer

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



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 Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

Hymn: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

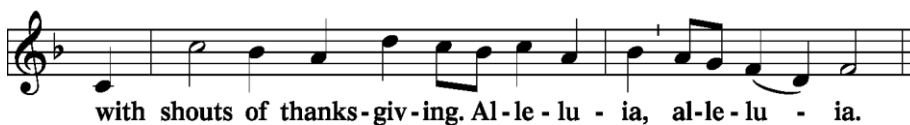
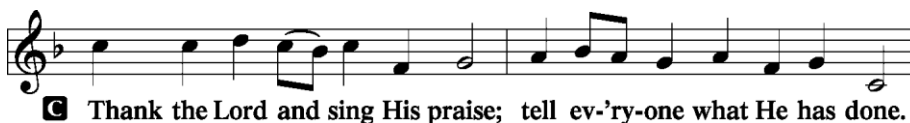
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Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702

Stand

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

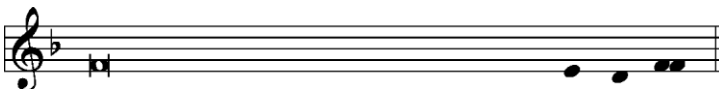
P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

Postlude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend – J. S. Bach



Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer

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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

Postlude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend – J. S. Bach



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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)

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - In today’s lesson, “Jesus Heals the Centurion’s Servant,” we hear how the centurion prayed for his servant to be healed. God invites us to pray for our needs and the needs of others. Ask your children, “*Whom could we pray for as a family?*” “*How does God heal illnesses today?*”

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 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 10 “The Remnant and ‘All Israel’” – (Romans 11).**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Warren Rivers is hospitalized at the Arkansas Heart Hospital.
Irvin Clawitter is in hospice care at Colonel Glenn Nursing Home.
Dennis Fastenau has returned home and continues treatments.
Suzanne Raddle continues recovery following foot surgery.
Wilma Richter continues recovery following knee replacement surgery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

June 12 – Jim Wade
June 13 – Zachary Arnold
June 15 – Sydney Smith
June 16 – Mason Andrews
June 18 – Judy Borchert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

June 16 – Julia and Paul Malbrough, Joan Ann and Ralph Olsen

June 17 – Leah and Derek Sheridan, Megan and David Witte

June 18 – Anne and Rick McIntyre

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 6/5: 177 (8:15 – 93 and 10:45 – 84). Mid-Week 6/8: 4. **Offerings:** Sunday 6/5: \$11,675.00. Mid-Week 6/1: \$60.00. Missions: \$30.00. Memorials: \$40.00. Scholarship Fund: \$80.00. Building Fund: \$420.00.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. Tennie Robinson who died on Sunday in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Tennie is the mother of Sharon LeBlanc. Please keep the Robinson and LeBlanc families in your thoughts and prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - We had another successful Vacation Bible School week here at Grace. It was successful because of the hard work of so many of our members, and even a few that were imported to assist for the week. While a full report will be forthcoming I wish to extend my thanks to Catharine Manchester for her planning and organizational skills and for all of those who answered her call to assist with the week's activities, and for all those who gave gifts of the items needed to make sure that we served the children of Grace and the children who came to Grace for a week of VBS. We learned that Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives and is our Savior, now and forever. May the Lord continue to bless this congregation to be a blessing for the children that we serve through our Sunday School and Divine Services, through our Early Childhood Development Center and through our Vacation Bible School!

Pastor Walter

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY HOLZHAUER

TO THE GENERAL FUND

By Irvin and Sherry Clawitter