

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
May 15, 2016

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

“Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine, And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing...And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the whole my path illuming.” In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen (*Lutheran Service Book* Hymn # 501 stanzas 1 and 2b)

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost, the culmination of the Easter celebration. The resurrected Christ, having shown Himself to His disciples and having ascended to the right hand of the Father, sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the young expectant Church. Later this morning in the 10:45 Service we will celebrate the public confessions of faith of three of our young people as they are received into communicant membership through the Rite of Confirmation. The Church continues to carry out the Great Commission of baptizing in the name of the Triune God and teaching everything that the Lord has commanded us to teach.

Welcome to everyone gathered here this day for worship. 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. 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. **We invite you to come and worship with us again.**

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

The Scriptures share many accounts of God coming down to earth. From the moment of creation when “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters,” God has come down to visit the pinnacle of His creation at many times and in various ways. On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came down to earth in a most dramatic way, fulfilling the promise of His descent that Jesus had made to His disciples. That blessed Spirit continues to come among God’s people, calling, gathering, enlightening and sanctifying them, all the while serving as their Comforter! As we gather this morning, we give witness to that Spirit who has called us by the Gospel, gathered us here as His people and enlightened us with God’s gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Confirmands by their parents and in thanksgiving to the Lord for His 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)	Katie Williams
Crucifer:	(8:15)	James Junkans
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Robert Nichols
Ushers:	(8:15)	Bobby Bemberg, Daniel Loyd Tim Loyd, Ed Mahnken
Greeters:	(8:15)	Debbie Craig, Mildred Wilkins
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Pat Funk, Sandy Price
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Annalia Buchanan
Crucifer:	(10:45)	Claire Hammond
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Rudy Bischof, Stacy Johnson, Richard Sanders
Greeters:	(10:45)	Dave, Diane and Alex Roberts
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Beverly Sanders
Choir:		Adult Choir
Flute:		Ana McWilliams
Trombone:		Christina Junkans, Joel Junkans, Jeff Ralston
Trumpet:		Matthew Golladay
Coffee Hosts:		Sally McNabb, Debbie Penny
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The appointed readings for next Sunday, May 22nd, The Holy Trinity Sunday, are: The Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, The Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36, and The Gospel Reading: John 8:48-59.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Prelude

Pour Light Upon Us From Above – George Oldroyd

Ringling of the Church Bell

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

Confession and Absolution

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

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. 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
C the earth is full of your creatures.

P These all look to you,
C to give them their food in due season.

P When you give it to them, they gather it up;
C when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

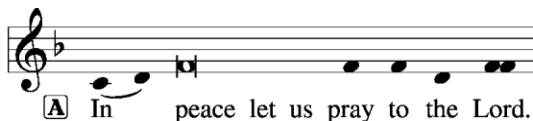
P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
C and you renew the face of the ground.

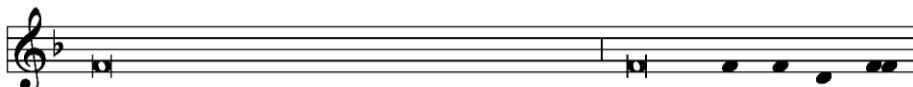
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



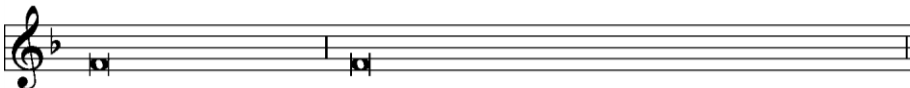
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



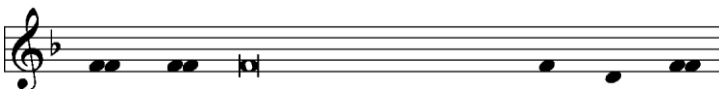
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



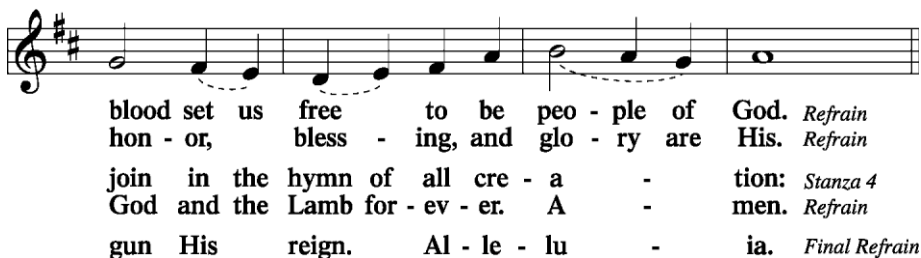
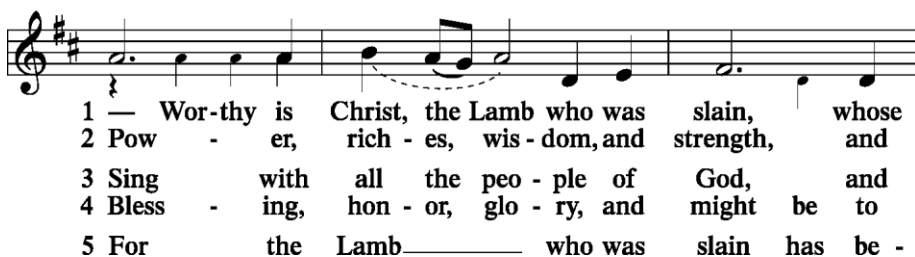
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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

Anthem

Holy Spirit, Light Divine – Jeffrey Blersch

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Acts 2:17b; Rom. 10:10



I will pour out my Spirit | on all flesh,*
and your sons and your daughters shall | prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is | justified,*
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Liturgical Text

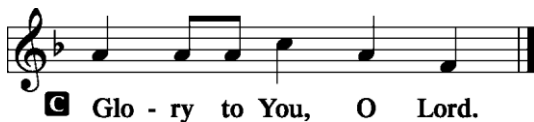
P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

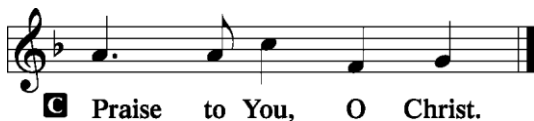
John 14:23–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Sermon

John 14:23–31

“Comforter From Above”

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

Reception of New Member by Adult Confirmation

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

Interlude – Dale Wood

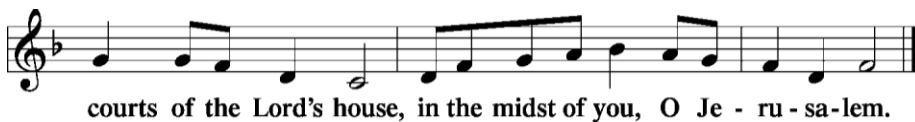
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Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



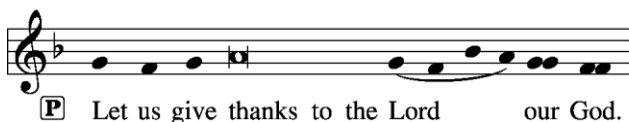
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

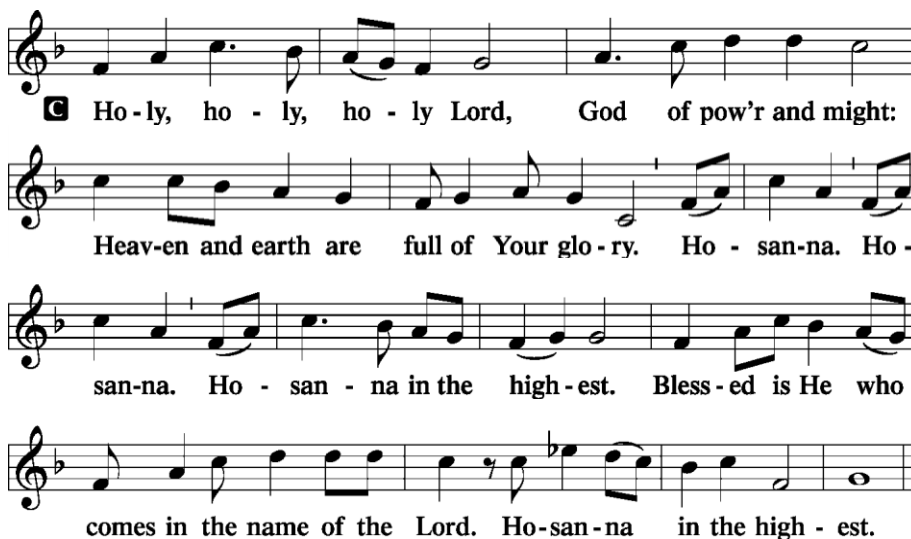


Proper Preface

- 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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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:

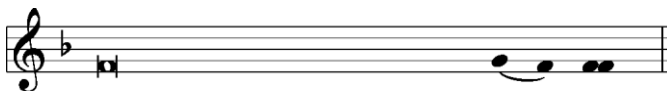
Lord's Prayer

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, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

Stanzas 1-4, Interlude, Stanzas 5-8

Hymn: To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

LSB 768

Hymn: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LSB 500

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.

A - men.

Benediction

Adult Choir
The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Peter C. Lutkin

Recessional Hymn: O Day Full of Grace

LSB 503

Postlude

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 631 – 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 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 will NOT meet today
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with the Rite of Confirmation
MON - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
MON - WED: **Pastors’ Conference**
TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
THURSDAY: 6:00 p.m. – LWML Women of Grace Salad Supper

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - In our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. Today’s Bible story is, “Jesus Seeks the Lost” as recorded by St. Luke (Luke 15). *Talk about, “How does God the Holy Spirit work through the Word and the Sacraments?”*

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 will not meet today as Pastor is with the confirmands preparing for the Rite of Confirmation in the 10:45 Worship Service. Next Sunday Pastor will continue the study of **St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans** with Lesson 9 – “Jesus Christ–The End of the Law” – (Romans 9-10).

CONFIRMATION - Today three of our young people will publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ by the **Rite of Confirmation**. May the Lord bless them and keep them true to their confession. Our Confirmands are:

Ethan Brady Andrews - son of Roy and Ame Andrews
Bailey Cheyenne Cannon - daughter of David and Stephanie Cannon
Matthew Earl Warren - son of Greg and Barbara Warren

WELCOME - This morning in our 8:15 Service, Matthew and Carly Golladay will be received into communicant membership in our Grace congregation. Matthew will be received into membership by Adult Confirmation, and Carly will be received by Profession of Faith. Please welcome Matt and Carly to our Grace family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

May 15 – Rachel Allen
May 16 – Jonathan Cline, Allie Ray, Emily Stein
May 18 – Robert Grant
May 19 – Luke Eustice, Casey Jenkins, Emma Lile
May 19 – Bowman Stein, Sandy Sweeney
May 20 – Conrad Stein
May 21 – Sandy Price

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

May 15 – Emily and Carter Stein
May 16 – Judy and Dennis Fastenau
May 18 – Carmen and Drew Stewart
May 20 – Angie and Gary Proud
May 21 – Karen and Roy Bullard, Lindsay and Jarrod Zweifel

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dennis Fastenau has returned home from the hospital and continues treatments.
Marietta Gutierrez has returned home from the hospital.
Suzanne Raddle is recovering following foot surgery.
Wilma Richter is recovering following knee replacement surgery.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 5/8: 226 (8:15 – 125 and 10:45 – 101). Mid-Week Service - Confirmands Questions and Answers 5/11: 38. **Offerings:** Sunday 5/8: \$8,282.00. Mid-Week Service 5/4: \$210.00. Memorials and Honorariums: \$445.00. Scholarship Fund: \$20.00. Building Fund: \$90.00.

BOARD OF ENDOWMENT is currently accepting applications for scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must be attending a Lutheran University or Seminary to be eligible. If you are currently receiving a scholarship from Grace, please provide an update of your fall plans. **All applications due by May 30th.** Contact Rudy Bischof if you have questions.

OUR GRADUATES - In the **June Newsletter** we will be publishing the names of all those who are graduating from junior high, high school or college this spring. We would also like to know of any awards or scholarships you have received, and if you are graduating from high school, please share your plans for after graduation. Please call the church office with this information or e-mail it to Pat at patfunk@gracelutheranlr.org.

COFFEE HOSTS - We have openings for our members to volunteer to serve coffee and refreshments during the fellowship time between services. Please take a minute to look at the Coffee Host list which is posted on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Thank you for volunteering!!

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING - There will be a brief meeting for all volunteers on **Monday, May 23rd, at 6:00 pm** in the Grace Parlor. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you have not yet signed up and would like to be a part of VBS, it is not too late. Please contact Catherine Manchester at cmanchester@icloud.com or (770) 905-5531. Thank you!

WOMEN OF GRACE will meet **Thursday, May 19th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church Parlor for their annual Salad Supper. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share. Our Servant Event will follow as we make the remainder of the Witness Bracelets for MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries. Call the church office if you have questions. Come and invite a friend to come too!!

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF DR. GISELA SPIEKER

TO THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Penny Kalinowsky
Jon and Sandy Lindemann
Phyllis McGrew
Grace Nowak
Eleanor Potter
Doris Sarver
Myrna Smith

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Joe and Debbie Craig
Robert and Sheila Wilimzig
Mildred Wilkins

TO THE GRACE MUSIC FUND

By Carroll and Doris Holzhauer

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Alma Carle
Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

IN MEMORY OF MR. MARK HURSEY JONES

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Robert and Sheila Wilimzig



BARNYARD ROUNDUP

Jesus Gathers Us Together

June 5 – 9

VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic”! In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. **Mark June 5-9 on your calendars.** Registration is now open and forms can be found in the breezeway. Contact Diane Roberts for registration information.

Volunteer Recruitment

We still have a need for volunteers; specifically, we need people to lead our small groups around to the various sites during the week. Please contact Catherine Manchester if you are able to assist us in this way.

Be part of *Barnyard Roundup* VBS from June 5-9, 2016! God’s children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together and every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all of our needs. At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, as VBS staff, you can live out the theme “Jesus Gathers Us Together” as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Catherine Manchester at (770) 905-5531 or email cmanchester@icloud.com for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!