

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
September 29, 2013

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lamb of God, my Lord Jesus Christ, in humility You came to dwell with us and by Your sacrificial death I have forgiveness of sins even as Your resurrection gives me eternal life. You have now been exalted and seated at God's right hand to intercede for me and for all. There You reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. The angels, archangels and all the company of heaven give You praise and so too I add my voice to theirs thanking You for the hope that I have and praying that You might use me to bear witness to You now and forevermore. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone! It is good for you to be here for worship today. This morning we celebrate a festival day on the Church calendar, St. Michael and All Angels. We hear of Michael in the Old Testament and New Testament readings and of the angels of God who serve the Lord and His people in the Gospel reading. May the Lord bless your time here as His Word is read, sung and preached and as you respond with 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.**

Everyone is asked to 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. **The nursery is open this morning for infants and toddlers for those who have need. Our downstairs area continues to be remodeled so we ask that you stay clear of those areas.** If you have any questions please speak with an Usher or Greeter.

AS WE GATHER

There was a war in heaven. It was about power and greatness as wars usually are. Satan and his angels were disobedient and thirsting for power and they fought against Michael and his angels, the Lord's angels. Michael and his angels prevailed as Satan with his followers were cast out. We all seem to have a desire for greatness that relies on the approval of others and our ability to gather power and prestige. But true greatness lies in how we serve our Lord. So we celebrate St. Michael and all the angels who serve God and His people. In today's Gospel, Jesus points us toward serving little ones, who in His day had no status at all. Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." In His incarnation, life, suffering and death we see true humility and in His resurrection and ascension we are given to know the Lord's greatness.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Irvin and Sherry Clawitter in celebration of Sherry's birthday and in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Guest Organist:		William McCandless
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beehe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Abby Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Gary Goldsby, Terry Bradshaw Jim Marvin, Mark Peterson
Greeters:	(8:15)	Jack and Pat Funk
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Angie Proud
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Jack Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Ushers:	(10:45)	Charlie Buchanan, Terry Clawitter Bryan Gipson, David Roberts
Greeter:	(10:45)	Ann Stoker
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline and Lucia Jones
Coffee Host:		Kaye Gilbert
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 6th, 20th Sunday After Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, The Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1-10.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Pre-Service Music

Tune in E - George T. Thalben-Ball

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now - Georg Boehm

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 103:20-22; antiphon: Ps. 103:1

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

P Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

C you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

P Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

C his ministers, who do his will!

P Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

C Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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 Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; 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; Christ, have mer - cy; 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; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

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

Gradual



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

Revelation 12:7–12

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



- P** They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testi- | mony,*
for they loved not their lives even | unto death.

Rev. 12:11



Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

- 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**

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

LSB 522

Sermon

Matthew 18:1-11

“Greatest in the Kingdom”

Stand

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

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise - David Schelat

Stand

Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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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**

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: Splendor and Honor

LSB 950

Postlude

Trumpet Tune - Douglas Wagner



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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
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
12:00 noon – Sit and Sew
5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Class at St. Vincent’s
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
- THURSDAY:** 4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
- SATURDAY:** 5:30 p.m. – Congregational Fish Fry in Parker Hall

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, the Sunday School lesson studies “God Provides for Elijah.” Just as God provided food and life for Elijah, the widow, and her son, so He provides food, forgiveness, and life eternal for us in Christ. *Consider asking, “How did God provide food for Elijah? In what ways does God provide for us today?”*

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter continues a study of “*The Augsburg Confession and Its Apology*” – **The Lutheran Confessions Series.** This morning we continue a discussion on “**The Church: Congregation of Saints.**” Come and review what we believe, teach and confess as Lutheran Christians.

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.

LECTERN FLOWERS – The flowers by the lectern are given to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Rachel Allen in remembrance of her father, the Reverend George Kuechenmeister on the anniversary of his ordination into the ministry and in gratitude to God for all of His blessings.

OUR THANKS to Mr. William McCandless who is our organist today while Nathan is playing for a hymn festival at Trinity Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, Texas.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Richard Sanders is recovering following a procedure.

Elwanda Wells continues her recovery at home.

Judy Rivers is recovering at home.

Warren Rivers continues his recovery at home.

Jeanette Keehn continues receiving care at home.

Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Sept. 29 – Kaylee Hammond, Robert Middaugh

Oct. 1 – Anne McIntyre

Oct. 2 – Wyatt Price

Oct. 3 – Pastor Walter

Oct. 5 – Lyle Catherine Dunlap, Betty Pils, Milo Witte

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 9/22: 187 (8:15 – 106 and 10:45 – 81). Mid-Week 9/18: 16. **Offerings:** Sunday 9/22: \$5,161.00. Mid-Week 9/18: \$140.00. Memorials: \$75.00. Building Fund: \$185.00. Fan Into Flame: \$295.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to Corey and Erin Parscale Boelkens on the birth of their daughter Lily Elizabeth on Tuesday, September 24th, in Austin, Texas. Lily has a sister Genevieve and her grandmother is Brenda Parscale. Congratulations and God's blessings to the Boelkens family.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION class is on **Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.** in the Parlor.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION class is on **Thursday at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parlor.

RENOVATION PROJECT - Please be careful going through the downstairs areas in the church. Work continues to take place as the south wall has been waterproofed and closet space for the choir room constructed. Re-plastering of the south wall is completed and the painting has been started, with floor covering to follow. Funding for this project is from our Building Fund. **The nursery is open this morning for infants and toddlers for those who have need. While our choir room and classroom area continues to be remodeled, we ask that you stay clear of those areas.**

SIT AND SEW will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 12:00 noon in the Parlor. They will also meet on October 29th, at 12:00 noon to finalize the plans for the Fall Craft Show and Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 2nd. Call Riley Middaugh or Carole Nichols if you have questions.

HUMANE SOCIETY PROJECT - I'd like to thank the members of the congregation for all of the support they've shown towards my project and the Humane Society. Thanks in part to you, I collected enough food to feed the pets for months, and the blankets, toys and other items will keep the pets happy for years to come. The adoption drive went well, and I will soon achieve the Life Scout rank, all because of your support.

Thank you! Brandt Cline

BABY SHOWER - You're invited to a **Baby Girl Shower** for Sam and Yamaira Cate on **Sunday October 13th**, at **12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the Church Parlor. Sam and Yamaira are registered at Babies R Us. The shower is hosted by Lori Bloom, Pat Funk, Riley Middaugh, and Paula Walter.

KROGER PLUS CARDS - The Board of Christian Education encourages you to enroll your Kroger Plus card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com today. Once you choose Grace's ECDC program (code 80368), a portion of your eligible purchases at Kroger goes directly to the ECDC. Holiday shopping is around the corner so please support our ECDC. Every dollar you spend benefits this amazing program here at Grace. For questions or help with your enrollment, please contact Catherine Manchester (821-4140) or Colleen Moorman (663-0755). Thank you!

LWML FALL ZONE RALLY - The **Mid-Arkansas LWML Fall Zone Rally** will be **Saturday, October 26th**, at First Lutheran Church in Hot Springs. Opening Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$8.00 per person and the registration deadline is October 15th. The rally theme is "Great Love" based on the Bible verse "But the greatest of these is Love" – 1 Corinthians 13:13b. The Rev. Greg Bearss from Lakepointe Church in Hot Springs is the guest speaker. For "Gifts from the Heart" bring the following items to support Change Point with diapers, size 4 and 5, and Jackson House with cereal, mac n' cheese, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Call the church office if you have questions or need more information.

PROPERTY MANAGER - Christ Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications for the position of a property manager for the church & school. This is a part time position for 28 hours per week. The property manager is responsible for the maintenance of the property and facilities for both church & school, as well as the coordination of vendors/volunteers for any facility improvement projects or maintenance needs. High school education or vocational training required. 2-5 years experience in maintenance work preferred. Please contact Heather Lamb at hlamb@clutheran.org or 501-663-5232 to submit a resume/application.

KEEP UP WITH WORLD LUTHERAN NEWS - World Lutheran News (WLN) Digest provides you with reliable, significant news for Lutherans globally. It airs Saturday's live, 9:30 CST, while a "Minute" version airs weekdays at 8:28am and 5:04pm CST. Featured recently are stories from Canada, Indonesia, Finland, Germany, Australia, Singapore, and Mongolia, to mention but a few. www.kfuo.org --- Follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/KFUOradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio).

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARVEL MIDDAUGH – Mother of Robert and Randy
TO THE GRACE ECDC FUND Middaugh
By Jon and Sandy Lindemann

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOIS BERNER
TO THE LOIS BERNER MEMORIAL FUND
By Ron and JoAnne Holmes

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Breezeway

Congregational Fish Fry – Sat, October 5, 2013

Coming Back! - **“Moon Bouncer”** for Kids –Family Fun
Available for activity from **4:30 to 7:30**
Downtime/Quiet time during meal
Adult Supervision with teen assistance

Sign-up sheets for setup/potluck dishes in Breezeway
Lots of fun & fellowship

Eat @ 5:30PM

Bring your favorite dish and visit with us!!
Questions call Ron & Russlynn Krueger – 221-7383



Grace Lutheran Fall Craft Fair and Used Book Sale
Saturday, November 2nd
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Begin your Christmas shopping here! Over 25 quality vendors

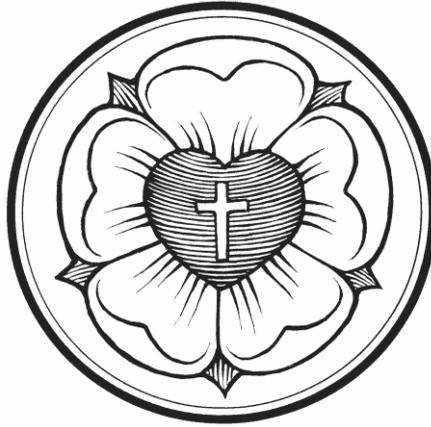
- Back by popular demand- the **Grace Bakers**
- Huge used book sale
- Rent a booth to sell your handmade items
- Check the website for more information:
www.GraceLutheranLR.org

We accept donations of books beginning mid-October. Please help us make this a big success by donating used books.

Contact Riley Middaugh at 954-9281 or email at ram0220@aol.com for more information.

*Proceeds benefit **Kevin Ray**, second year student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.*

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REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 27th

10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE
with Holy Communion

Sunday School and Bible Classes at 8:45 a.m.

A **Potluck Dinner** will follow immediately after the Sunday morning Worship Service. Everyone is asked to bring a large dish of your choice to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Following the meal, we will recognize all of our new members who have joined this year. Mark this date on your calendar. Let's join together in worship, fellowship and celebration of our church heritage