

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

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

“Come, holy Light, guide divine, now cause the Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God aright and call Him Father with delight. From every error keep us free; let none but Christ our master be that we in living faith abide, in Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.”  
In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen (*Lutheran Service Book* Hymn # 497, stanza 2)

### WELCOME

**Good morning and Welcome to Grace!** It is fifty days since Easter! This Sunday is therefore the Festival of Pentecost which is the culmination of the Festival Half of the Church Year. The work of Jesus, from Incarnation, Epiphany, Passion, Resurrection and Ascension, is now brought to its completion with the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, our Helper who leads us into all truth. Today we hear, as it so desperately needs to be proclaimed clearly, exactly what the work of the Holy Spirit is. That Spirit is “the Comforter from above” who brings Christ to us and takes us to Christ. Today we also rejoice with three of our young people as they publicly confess their faith in Jesus as their Savior in the Rite of Confirmation, thereby becoming communicant members of Grace. It is with great joy that we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives even as we continue to pray that He remains with them and with us, leading us in the truth of the Gospel and bringing forth the fruits of faith in our lives.

We ask everyone to fill out an attendance card found at each pew and return it to an usher during the Offering. Restrooms are also downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. Children are welcome in our Service and they will be invited to come forward for a Children’s Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. For those who have need, a nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a public rite of the Church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. It is not graduation, nor is it the end of one’s study of the Scriptures. It is the beginning of communicant membership in this congregation even as it becomes an opportunity for growth in the life of faith and greater service to the Lord and His Church. As we celebrate Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Counselor, our Helper who leads us in all truth and how the Lord added to the number of those being saved that day, we also celebrate with our Confirmands today.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** O Father, who creates and sustains all life.

**C** May Your word keep us mindful of Your unfailing love.

**P** O Son, who restores life to us by Your own death and resurrection.

**C** May Your word keep us mindful of Your unending love.

**P** O Spirit, who daily regenerates life within us.

**C** May Your word keep us mindful of Your renewing love.

## The Confession of Sins & The Ten Commandments

*Drawn from the Six Chief Parts; Exodus 20*

**P** The Law of God shows us that we are sinners and in need of God's forgiveness. For 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.

**P** Let us then look into the holy Law of God and confess our sins. For the times we have had other gods in our lives...

**C** And for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us, Good Lord.

- P** For the times we have misused the name of the Lord...
- C** **And for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us, Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...
- C** **And for the times we have despised the preaching of Your word, forgive us, Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have not honored father or mother...
- C** **And for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have murdered...
- C** **By hurting people in thought, word, and deed, forgive us Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have committed adultery...
- C** **With thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have stolen...
- C** **And the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have given false testimony...
- C** **And for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us Good Lord.**
- P** For the times we have coveted our neighbor's possessions or family members...
- C** **And for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us, Good Lord.**

## The Absolution & The Office Of The Keys

*Drawn from the Six Chief Parts; John 20:22-23*

- P** The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.
- C** **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**
- P** Therefore, upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I 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.

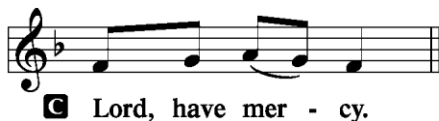
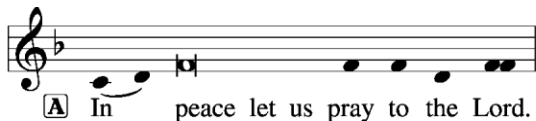
**P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**C** and you renew the face of the ground.

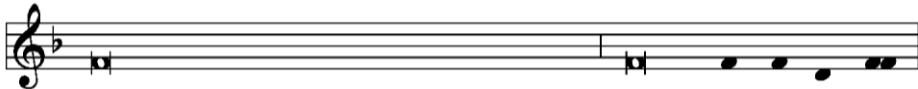
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

**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*





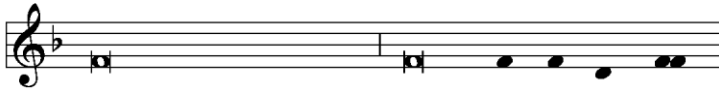
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



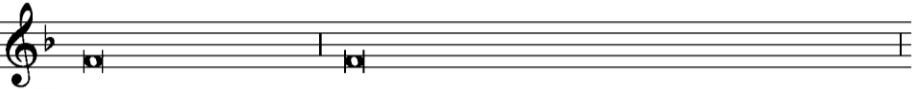
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



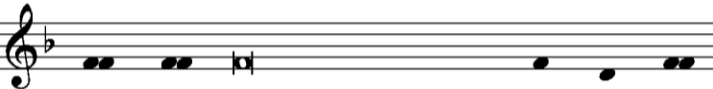
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

*Refrain*

**■** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:23–31*

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

# Catechetical Instruction on Sanctification

*Drawn from Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Creed*

**C** 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

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497

Sermon

*“Comforter From Above”*

*John 14:23–31*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed  
 5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And Your



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
 a - bid - ing peace be - stow; With You as our pro -



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.  
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 And You, from both, as Three in One  
 That we Your name may ever bless  
 And in our lives the truth confess.

△7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

# Catechetical Instruction on Holy Baptism

*Drawn from the Six Chief Parts*

**Key:** **P** Pastor **R** *Confirmands* **C** **Congregation**

- P** What is baptism?
- R** *Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.*
- C** **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)**
- P** What benefits does Baptism give?
- R** *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.*
- C** **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)**
- P** How can water do such great things?
- R** *Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-6)**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- R** *The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*
- C** **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)**

# Rite of Confirmation

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

*The congregation joins in confessing the Apostles’ Creed.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**C** **Yes, I believe 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.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, 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.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing:*

**P** [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**R** *Amen*

*The pastor assigns a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.*

*Stand*

## Prayer for the Confirmed

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your children to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Guided by the Holy Spirit, who teaches us to know Christ and all His benefits, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** And kindle in us the fire of Your love.

*The prayers conclude:*

**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

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.



## Lord's Prayer

**P** God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children

**C** **So that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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**

**P** I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him;

**C** **for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen**

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 the Word and the Sacraments?”*

**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** 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.

**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](mailto:patfunk@gracelutheranlr.org).

**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.

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

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** - There will be a brief meeting for all volunteers on **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:cmanchester@icloud.com) or (770) 905-5531. Thank you!

**WOMEN OF GRACE** will meet **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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](mailto:cmanchester@icloud.com) for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!