

GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES-LCMS CHURCH & SCHOOL BLENDED SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Passionate servants, partnering with the community to transform lives through Jesus for eternity.



Welcome, members and visitors alike, to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. We are honored by your presence here today.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	1 st Sundays	Blended Service with	n Communion
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2nd Sundays......Blended Service

3rd Sundays Traditional Service with Communion

4th Sundays Traditional Service

5th Sundays Blended Service with Communion

10:45 AM 1st & 3rd Sundays Contemporary Praise

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays.. Contemporary Praise with Communion

Adult Bible classes located in the Family Life Center at 9:30 AM



YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are located in the church narthex. The bags contain a variety of activities to engage your child during the worship service. Ask the greeter or an usher for an activity bag if you did not get one upon entering church! Please return the bag at the close of the worship service.

ACTIVITY BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN 7-12 are also available. These bulletins are designed to coordinate with each Sunday's designated Bible Readings. Ask an usher to get yours!

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Answering Machine: Lunch Time and After Hours

BLENDED SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Welcome

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer glean:

(Chorus)
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on Him your care. (Chorus)

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, (Chorus)

Doxology (Amen)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above you heav'nly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

(Chorus)
Amen, amen, amen.
God we praise You!
God we praise You!

Praise God for all that He has done.
Praise Him for He has overcome.
The grave is beaten love has won.
Praise God our Savior, Christ the Son. (Chorus)

Oh we're singing
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen
We praise You! We praise You! (x2)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above you heav'nly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Reception of New Members

Meeting Jesus Through His Word

"Guide me in your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths" Ps 25:4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing

without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Special Music - Grace Lutheran Adult Choir Sanctify This Place

Arranged by Lew King

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to

hear, let him hear."

Apostle's Creed

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.

Offering

We ask that you please sign the red "friendship" pad as it is passed down the pews during the offering. The information you share with us will help us to better assist you, visitor or member. Thank you.

Children's Message
Donna Behnken

MessagePastor Russ Gipson

You Alone Can Rescue

Who, O Lord, could save themselves, Their own soul could heal? Our shame was deeper than the sea. Your grace is deeper still. (*Repeat*)

Chorus

And You alone can rescue,
You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death.
To You alone belongs the highest praise.

You, O Lord, have made a way.
The great divide, You healed.
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still.
(Chorus 2x)

(Ending)

To You alone belongs the highest praise. To You alone belongs the highest praise.

Confession

Heavenly Father, as you alone can rescue, so we call out to you to rescue us from our sin. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us for our thoughts when they have fallen prey to anger, jealousy, lust, and pride. Forgive us for our words, when they have demonstrated the sin that lies in our hearts, and when they have failed to glorify you. Forgive us for our actions when they have selfish, when they have hurt those around us, and when they have failed to demonstrate You working through us. Lord, You alone can rescue. Rescue us from our sin for Jesus' sake, Amen.

Forgiveness

P ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight.

Be Thou my dignity, be Thou my might;

Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r.

Raise Thou me heav'n-ward O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



PRAYER/COUNSEL WITH AN ELDER

Immediately following this morning's services, an elder will be located up front, and will be available to speak with anyone needing prayer or counsel. Please feel free to speak with the elder if you have any needs or concerns.

OUR PRAYERS

Give strength to those fighting cancer:

Ruth House; John Espil; Gail McLennan; Reece Stringer; Pat Randell; Caleb James; Byron Batteiger; Dan Link; Jill Henning; Sonia Simmons Robinson; Regina West, mother of Leslie Luchner; Roger Baumann & Rachel O'Neal, brother and niece of Jim Baumann; Billy Childers; Sherree Harness; Gary Sweet; Susy Rodriguez; Janie Campbell; John Neal; Debbie Lee; Nancy Von Hellens; Jim Linberg; Debbie Bogema; Lynda Bates

Grant healing and recovery from diseases, surgeries, injuries:

George Doss; Ruth Jurenko; Marsha Jones; David Carrington; Carol Dinkel; Silver LaDuke; Wanda
Littleton; Clint Kephart; Candi Andrews; Brian Dunn; Betty Jane Walker; Jim Reece; Katie Jones; JP
Patterson; Debra Olsen; Marilyn Walker; Joyce Larder; Gene Satterfield; Shirley Olson; Barbara Beland;
Jan Stewart; Tom Broach; Phyllis Ford; Janet Tucker; Shirley Counts; Mitch Wilson, grandson of Tom & Sue
Wing; Carolyn Chandler, mother of Annette Rullman; Kelly Grounds; Mary Conner; Brittany Thomas; Alice
Williams; Patricia Hill, mother of Karen Scott; Emmie Langford; John Rist; Sue Stubbs; Chelsea, friend of Mary
Connor; Kathey Benham; Tamara Fuller; Myrtle Skipton; Shannon Felice; Eloise Meyer; Naida Williuamson;
Jackie Rullman; Kevin Coomer; Marlene & Giles Dail; Elaine Eyer; Krissie Camealy, daughter in law of Craig
and Marion Camealy; Cailey Moak; Racheal Brown; Denise Boyer; Joan Ray; Kris Wyszinski; Rose Luther,
sister of Elisabeth Royston; Dietrick Stevens; Nancy Steeve; Darrell Deam

*In order to keep current with health problems, this paragraph will be updated every three weeks unless otherwise notified.

Keep our soldiers and missionaries safe as they serve stateside and overseas:

Keith Little (Iraq); Frank Myers (GA); Bianca Philson (KS); Zach Gentry (Kuwait); Julie Lutz (New Guinea); Bradley Rullman (Syria); Wade Gallup (WA); Andrew Kelly (Afghanistan); Tommy Plummer (Connecticut); Marc Johnson (Georgia); Jonathan Doss (Iraq); Dakota; Kyle Cypher; Rodger Dail; Jordan Clark; Jeremy Luther; Nico Caponey (Iraq); Jake Comeau (Parris Island); Abigail Tomkovich (Afganistan); Jason Charlton (Kuwait); Fiona Halbritter; Justin Alford (Afganistan); Eric Witteveen (Augusta, GA); Joey Hoecherl (MD); Lucas Gant (VA); Ashleigh & Alan Schumann (TX)

*In order to update our people serving in the military and our missionaries, please call the Church Office with their names and current duty stations.

Give our homebound comfort, peace, and joy:

Morton Archibald; Trish Landwehr; Dick Olson; Al Reumann; Melinda Rust; Kay Schumann; Jane Walker

Please continue to keep these students in your prayers during their studies at college.

Megan Finley; Ben Gillard; Rachel Howell; Brendan O'Brien; Julianna Speck; Sophie Thorsen; Katie
 Trausch; Helen Steeve; Emma Miller; Sarah Miller; Josh Miller; Emma Jagger; Megan Zecher; Kristin
 Thoms; Elaina Muterspaugh; Morgan Elizabeth Renfroe; Laura Steeve; Jeremy Bailey; Rachel Hollings;
 Andrea Johnson; Lexi Presley; Elizabeth Townsend; Aaron Zecher; Andrew Mutterspaugh



Flowers are placed on the altar this morning in celebration of Trisha Hollings' birthday by Steve and Nancy Rice. They are placed in the Narthex by the Bradburn and Jenks families in remembrance of Kay Bradburn, who was called home to heaven on August 31.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS



We encourage first-time guests to stop by the Welcome Center area and receive a free gift of our appreciation for your worship at Grace Lutheran. We welcome receiving contact information about you so we might develop a relationship with you to understand particular interests or needs.

FELLOWSHIP WITH US!

MEET & GREET is held after the close of the 8:00 AM worship service in **FLC Cafeteria**. Coffee and a variety of snack refreshments are available! You are invited to participate in this activity!



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION – Grace Lutheran is blessed to receive 24 new members this Sunday. The new members resulted from the recent Discovering Grace class. The new members are: Tony & Yvonne Cook; Carey & Sandi Gibbs and their daughters – Ivy, Scarlett, and Tess; Phil & Karen Hallenbeck; Ken & Jane Manning; Forrest & Allison Merrill; Paul & Joanna Phillabaum and their son, Joshua; Gary & Amanda Stein and children: Leeandra, Liberty, Paxton, and Piper; and Ben & Kathy Vitale. We extend a hand of welcome to these new members and invite them to full partners in the ministry at Grace Lutheran!

NEW ADULT CHOIR SEASON - Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for a way to serve during WORSHIP at Grace? It is not too late to join the adult choir for the Fall/Winter season. We have a new choir director, Sabine Spencer, and she is very excited about what the new season holds. Note - The time for practice has changed. Join us at **7:00 PM** on Wednesday evenings in the choir room for fun, fellowship, and singing.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - We are starting a children's choir for Grace Lutheran Church and School. The choir meets on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 4:30 pm. The Children's Choir will sing at the Christmas Eve service. Two parent volunteers are needed! To sign up your child or to volunteer, sign up during Sunday School or by calling the church office.





STEPHEN MINISTRY AT GRACE LUTHERAN - Are you looking for a way to ENGAGE with your Grace Lutheran Family? Stephen Ministry is one way you can serve. Plan to come to an informational meeting about Stephen Ministry on September 12 at 6:30 in the Annex Assembly Room to learn more.

MEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING is held once a month on the second Saturday morning. We meet from **7:30 – 9:00 AM**. After a light breakfast, we have time for Bible study and prayer. The gathering is held in the Family Life Center Cafeteria. Our next gathering is on **September 14**.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! We sure appreciate your support of Grace Lutheran through the Belk Charity Sale. We raised \$955 through the ticket sales. This money will be used for the playground renovation and equipment. You should have noticed progress on the back playground this week. A special Thank You goes to two school mothers, Kim Cline and Sandra Price, who gave of their time to volunteer at Belk on the days of the sale. That help will insure that we receive some additional money from tickets sales that were made by the Belk store itself. More information on that will be coming.

BOOK FAIR - The school's first book fair of the year is coming very soon. The sale will be held in the school library from September 15 to 20. There will be hours to visit the fair on Sunday, September 15. The hours will be 9:15-9:30, 10:30-10:50, and 11:45-12:15. Come visit the fair. Volunteers are needed, especially on Monday and Tuesday during the school day, and Friday, during the VIP Day. If you can help, contact Donna Behnken at 256-617-9846.

BENEFIT CONFERENCE - Oakwood University here in Huntsville has a world-renown choir, the Aeolians. Many of you may remember hearing how the choir was in California this past spring for a concert when their bus was in an accident resulting in a fire that destroyed all of their belongings. Billy Orton, music minister at 1st Baptist Church has organized a benefit concert to help the choir both with material things but also with support emotionally. The concert will feature choirs from several local churches, UAH, A&M, and the Huntsville Community Chorus. Come to the free concert on Sunday, September 15, at 5:00 at 1st Baptist Church on Governor's Drive. Donations will be accepted.

SAINTS' ALIVE TRIP to Electric Bus Company & Alpaca Farm (Anniston, Alabama) on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. New Flyer of America Inc. is a leading manufacturer of electric transit buses, as well as low and zero-emissions buses. The company recently opened its Vehicle Innovation Center (VIC) in Anniston that focuses on research and development of electric, autonomous, and clean technology in mass transit. We will tour the VIC and the bus production line. Wear long trousers and closed-toe shoes. Tour is free. Lunch will follow at Classic On Noble Restaurant (\$\$) in downtown Anniston. Following lunch, we will visit the Blackberry Hill Alpacas Farm for a tour of their animals and event venue. Cost is \$2 per person. Our bus will depart Grace Lutheran at 7:45 a.m. For those who live over the mountain (Hampton Cove, etc.), bus pick up will be at the SE corner of the Lowe's parking lot. Note by name on sign-up sheet if you want Lowe's pickup. Return to Grace will be about 5 p.m. Bring funds for tour, lunch, and bus gas. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Trip Coordinator is Steve Rice: 256-880-9374 / Cell 256-426-6647.

SAINTS ALIVE TRIP TO GEORGE DICKEL The bus will leave Grace on Wednesday, October 2 at 9:30 AM for George Dickel, Normandy, Tennessee. The charge is \$14.00 a person, except for VETERANS who are FREE (samples are included). Money will be collected on the bus. When you sign up, please put a 'V' beside your name if you are a veteran. Lunch will be at Whiskey Trail BBQ and Steakhouse in Tullahoma, Tennessee. Expected time of return to Grace is approximately 3:30 PM. If you have any questions, call Phil and Kleone at 256-534-2483.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE! New date added!



It's been quite a few years since our last picture directory here at Grace Lutheran. You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography session.

Photography Dates: September 26, 27, 28, 30 & October 1. Note the addition of Mon, Sep. 30.

To schedule your appointment, see Kelly Jenks in the Narthex on Sunday mornings following both worship services, follow the link you received via weekly church emails, or call the church office at 256-881-0552 for assistance.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE/OFFERING

Sunday, September 1, 2019 8:00 AM - 130 | 10:45 AM - 76 Total - 206

Offerings to G	eneral Fund
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Needed each week	\$ 15,865.38
Last Week (9-1-19)	\$ 16,522.65
Fiscal Year Giving to Date	\$ 85,596.61
Budget to Date (15,865.38* 5)	\$ 79,326.90
Total FY Budget approved by Cong.	\$ 825,000.00

Sacrificial Giving to Retire Our Debt

Mortgage needed monthly	\$ 7,412.09
Debt Retirement (9-1-19)	\$ 40.00
Total for the Month of September	\$ 40.00
Remaining Debt Balance (as of 9-1-19)	\$ 530,617.94

Capital Investment Campaign

Capital Campaign (9-1-19)	\$ 1,707.71
Total for the month of September	\$ 1,707.71
Total Capital Campaign	\$ 735,924.53

THOSE WHO SERVE

MESSAGE		Pastor Russ Gipson
MUSIC	8:00 AM	Elisa Gipson
	10:45 AM	Praise Team
ELDERS	8:00 AM	Michael Beutel
	10:45 AM	Scott Jagger
USHERS	8:00 AM	Robert Vigil, Paul Kicklighter,
		& Brian Steeve
	10:45 AM	Laura & Elizabeth Townsend
GREETERS	8:00 AM	Jack & Wanda Hengel
	10:45 AM	John Roth & Jim Eckardt
WELCOME CENTER	8:00 AM	Robert & Shirley Vigil
	10:45 AM	Michael Beutel
AUDIO/VIDEO	8:00 AM	Stephen Wank/Paul Evans
	10:45 AM	Brian Steeve/Bob Drensek
ACOLYTE	8:00 AM	Kyle Everleth & Brooks Sanders
	10:45 AM	Hannah Jenks



Sunday	September 8, 2019
8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM 12:00 PM	Blended Worship Meet & Greet Bible Study Contemporary Worship ** Voter's Assembly Meeting
Monday 1:00 PM	September 9, 2019 Bible Study (Church Library)
Tuesday 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	September 10, 2019 Bible Study (Church Library) AA Meeting (Assembly Room)

Wednesday September 11, 2019 Saints Alive Trip 8:30 AM

Children's Choir Practice (Choir Rm) 3:45 PM Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7:00 PM

Thursday **September 12, 2019**

Friday September 13, 2019 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday **September 14, 2019**

Sunday	September 15, 2019
8:00 AM	Traditional Worship **
9:15 AM	Meet & Greet
9:30 AM	Bible Study
10.45 484	Contomporary Marchin

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship 12:00 PM Voter's Assembly Meeting



Our Staff

Pastor	Pastor Russ Gipson
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Elder Ministry Team

Michael Beutel	Mike Huhlein
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^{** -} Communion Service