

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)



Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 20, 2022

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return – “*The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night*” (1Th 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. “*For you know neither the day nor the hour*” when the Son of Man is to return. (Mt 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God’s grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is 65:17–25).

Ministering to the People of

Ball State University Community
East Central Indiana
The World

- 1 Jerusalem, O city fair and high,
Your tow'rs I yearn to see;
My longing heart to you would gladly fly,
It will not stay with me.
Elijah's chariot take me
Above the lower skies,
To heaven's bliss awake me,
Released from earthly ties.

- 2 O happy day, O yet far happier hour,
When will you come at last,
When by my gracious Father's love and pow'r
I see that portal vast?
From heaven's shining regions
To greet me gladly come
Your blessèd angel legions
To bid me welcome home.

- 3 The patriarchs' and prophets' noble train,
With all Christ's foll'wers true,
Who washed their robes and cleansed sin's guilty stain,
Sing praises ever new!
I see them shine forever,
Resplendent as the sun,
In light diminished never,
Their glorious freedom won.

- 4 Unnumbered choirs before the shining throne
Their joyful anthems raise
Till heaven's arches echo with the tone
Of that great hymn of praise.
And all its host rejoices,
And all its blessèd throng
Unite their myriad voices
In one eternal song.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10*



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

**They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be- |
fore you.***

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

LSB 186

☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 65:17–25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Ps. 45:14–15*

In many-colored robes [the king’s daughter] is led | to the king,*
 with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
 With joy and gladness they are | led along*
 as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *LSB 516*

1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
 “Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
 Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
 She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
 Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,
 Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
 With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
 We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
 Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- ☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Please sign in using the attendance register located at the end of each pew.

Handbell Choir

“Now Thank We Our God”

Prayer of the Church

For the Church, as she eagerly awaits the return of her Bridegroom, that we would not grow weary, but that God would strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments to ever hold fast to His promise of salvation won by Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all farmers and ranchers and all who work to deliver the bounty of God's goodness, that God would grant seasonable weather and plentiful harvests; that He would keep us ever mindful that the fruits of our labor are all a gift from His hand; and that He would make us faithful stewards over all He has entrusted to our care, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who govern us, especially our president, our governor, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that God would grant them wisdom, humility, and integrity, so that the work of their hands would be of benefit to all whom they serve and in accordance with His will; and that God would bring peace to our troubled world, so that all would hear the message of the Gospel and rejoice in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those afflicted with pain, sickness, trials and difficulties, especially Paul Buchmeier, Rylynn Byurn, Susan Cook, Reta Heinkel, Maryanne Jundt, Pam Mackey, Juanita Mays, Jim McCoy, Henry and Amy Miller, Santiago Morena, Harold O'Bryant, Jason Partin, Carrie Sue, Richard Stocker, Jacob Sutton, Kris Swanson, Scott Trout and family, Janet Walker, and Bob Wilson, that they may be granted health and comfort with the certainty that our bodies will be incorruptible and immortal when Christ returns to make all things new, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn especially the family of Lorraine Deeg that they be comforted by Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those celebrating birthday and wedding anniversaries, especially Mike Waller, Kendall Tankersley, and Glenn and Cathy Branscome, that they rejoice in God's gracious care and protection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune this day, that the Giver of the feast would grant them repentance and faith to receive His body and blood in a worthy manner, showing forth His praise in their lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages confirmed members of Grace and of our sister congregations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to commune. Christians of other denominations or church bodies are respectfully asked to honor our practice and not to commune. Please see our statement card on “**The Lord’s Supper, Our Belief and Practice**” provided in the pews. **Guests** desiring to commune with us today are asked to speak to the pastor before service.*

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.

- 3 The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.

- 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise *LSB 680*

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the
prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at
Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the
brightness only Thee only Thee.

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508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and
small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will
stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

LSB 508

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment *LSB 511*

- 1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,
Warning us of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness
Till once more we sing the song.
- ref Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!
- 2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;
Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert
For the one who brings God near. Refrain
- 3 Herald, sound the note of pardon—
Those repenting are forgiv'n;
God receives His wayward children,
And to them new life is giv'n. Refrain
- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power,
Granting vict'ry in our strife. Refrain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

- A** 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 in 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.

- C** Amen.

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

- C** Amen, amen, amen.

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us *LSB 514*

1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
“Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!

2 There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer’s face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav’nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.

3 There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav’nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

4 In that fair home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.

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Serving Today at Grace 11/20

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Robinson

Liturgist – Vicar Peter Preus

Organist and Choir Director – Dick Grill

Handbell Director – Judi Pape

Assisting Elder 10:30 a.m. – Dave Price

Ushers 8:00 a.m. – Rick Hill; 10:30 a.m. – Marvin Addison

Videographer 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

Altar Guild – Emily Nickels, Lori Foist, Susan Atsinger

Serving Next Week at Grace 11/27

Celebrant – Rev. Danny Mackey

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Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and to enhance the beauty of His house in loving memory of Ruth Bergman.

This Week (Nov. 20- 27) at Grace

Matins: Mon. - Wed. 8:30 a.m.

Sunday: **8:00 a.m. Divine Service** *Pastor Robinson preaching*
 9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour *Pastor Robinson teaching*
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service *Pastor Robinson preaching*
 Confirmation Class (1st year)

Monday: 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
 6:15 p.m. Handbells
 7:10 p.m. Vocal Choir

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd year)
 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting

Wednesday: **6:00 p.m. Private Confession**
 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

Thursday: *Office Closed*
 11:00 a.m. Bowdell Thanksgiving in the Parish Hall

Next Sunday: **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**
 9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
 Confirmation Class (1st year)

In Our Prayers

Health – Paul Buchmeier, Rylynn Byurn, Susan Cook, Reta Heinkel, Maryanne Jundt, Pam Mackey, Juanita Mays, Henry and Amy Miller, Santiago Morena, Harold O'Bryant, Jason Partin, Carrie Sue, Richard Stocker, Jacob Sutton, Kris Swanson, Janet Walker, and Bob Wilson

Comfort – Dr. Scott Trout and family as they suffered a house fire; family of Lorraine Deeg

Shut-ins – Becky Levihn, Pat Mark, Debby Taylor

Armed Forces – Jonathan Atsinger, Dean Bartel, Matthew Bowdell, Emily Kingsley, Gary Parks, Jr., Hayden Parsons, Cory Robertson, and Dan Selke

Birthdays – Mike Waller (11/24), Kendall Tankersley (11/26)

Wedding Anniversaries – Glenn and Cathy Branscome (11/24), celebrating 49 years

Thanksgivings and Praise – For Pastor Robinson teaching and Preaching today;

To activate the Grace Prayer Chain at any time, contact Diana James (765) 748-1377 or log on to our website and click "Prayer Request"— your email goes directly to Diana.

Announcements

Pastor Mackey is on vacation 11/7-11/21; Rev. Dr. Robinson celebrating today, 11/20.

Altar Guild – We are in need of more volunteers to help on the Altar Guild. If you are interested in learning about the Altar Guild please contact Lori Foist or Emily Nickels.

New Constitution and Bylaws – The Constitution and Bylaws were passed at the last Voters' Assembly and will be implemented January 1, 2023. In order to remain a voting member you need to read the new Constitution and Bylaws then sign the log stating you have done so. Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws are available on the back table, as well as emailed to you in our weekly emails. Our next Voters' Assembly is Tuesday, Nov. 29. Please sign the log at the beginning of the meeting or, if you would like to sign it beforehand, at the Church Office.

Those nominated for office – Those nominated are required to sign Constitution and Bylaws at the meeting or prior to the meeting in order to be eligible to serve.

Parish Services – For the month of November, our Parish services desires to help members, extended family of members, and referrals by Grace members who are in need. You can help by donating toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, cereal, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Jell-O, pork and beans, tuna and chicken helper, pasta, canned fruit as well as Thanksgiving items such as boxed potatoes, corn bread mix, pie filling, yams, sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, etc., or by donating money to help to with the purchasing of these items. All monetary donations can be given directly to Ann Willmann or put in the offering plate with the memo saying "Thanksgiving Baskets." We will also be looking for volunteers to help put these baskets together on Monday, November 21. If you know of someone who you feel would benefit from a Thanksgiving basket or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ann Willmann at (765) 499-0382 or the church office at (765) 282-2537.

Bowdell Thanksgiving – The Bowdell family will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace on Thursday 11/24 at 11:00 a.m. We would love it if you would join us. Please contact Kelli in the Church office if you would like to come.

Lee Kerkhoff's Funeral Service – As many of you have reached out to ask me about Lee's Funeral. I do have updated information. Pastor Mackey will be officiating a funeral service for Lee on Saturday December 10 at 10:30 a.m. here at Grace. Visitation will be before the service at 9:30 a.m. and there will be a meal provided by Grace at noon in the fellowship hall.



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