



- ✚ Sharing God's Grace
- ✚ Living His Word
- ✚ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am
 Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am
 Monday Divine Worship – 7:00pm

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For the Week Beginning September 1, 2024

Welcome to Rev. Scott Blazek who is leading our service today. We pray God's blessings on him as he leads this divine service and in his travels.

Communion: We celebrate Holy Communion today. **Please read carefully the statement concerning Holy Communion** provided in the worship folder. In faithfulness to God's Word, we practice close communion. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare for this sacred meal. You are encouraged to use pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book to aid in your preparation for this sacred meal. **Common Cup and Individual Cup are offered, as well as gluten-free wafers.**

Bibleville: Today, we studied "Enduring Exile." Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols—confusing the worship of the Lord with worshipping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans.

Closed: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, in observance of Labor Day. See you at 8am on Tuesday.

Midweek Ministry IS BACK this Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 pm. There is a place for *you* at Grace on Wednesdays. Read the next announcement about what's for dinner here Wednesday.

This Week's Wednesday Meal is *Chicken Strips, salad, & desserts.* Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 pm and your free-will offering is always appreciated to help cover expenses. **Please use the PINK SHEET so we will know how many will be joining us.**

The First ECP Puppet Chapel is this week, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. You are invited to attend in the sanctuary.

Children Led Christmas Service: It might seem a little early, but there is much to do before our Children Led Christmas Service! Ms. Carol needs to know if your children will be participating so she can begin planning and organizing. Please sign the **PINK SHEET** if your children will be a part of "This is My Son," on December 24th at 6:00 p.m. Practice begins on November 13 during Midweek. Children from 3 years to 6th Grade may participate. Also, if you would like to help with the Children Led Christmas Service, please sign the **PINK SHEET.**

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays from 1 – 3pm in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. There is no experience necessary. Come join us!

This Week's Bible Verse:



Altar Flowers There are still some open dates through the end of 2024 that need altar flowers. Please consider beautifying the chancel with your gift. The **Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board across from the Parlor in the south hallway. This is a wonderful way to celebrate your special days and people. The cost is \$50 a vase and you can supply one or two. Next to the chart is the envelope to fill out. Place it in the offering plate on place it on Victoria's desk. All the directions are on the envelope.

2024 Tellers Needed: Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the first-fruit offerings collected after the Sunday divine services in **October & December.** Prayerfully consider which month(s) you are available. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET.**

We Want to Celebrate ALL Milestones! Our **Retirement Milestone** will happen in the fall. If you have retired from a full-time position, let us know in the church office. Again, *full-time!* If you are still working part-time, consulting and the like, you are retired. And we want to honor that milestone. So, let us know!

Living in the Light of the Lord: Deuteronomy 4:6 – "Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

Life Quotes: "May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever." *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Conditioned by the Unconditional" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish. (*Genesis 25:23*)

Family Shield Ministries: "Strong Heart" Guest: Jill Garner. Guest Host: Rev. Brandon Larson of Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. **This program was originally scheduled for last week, but did not air correctly.**

Last Week at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (08/25).....	131
Sunday School Attendance (08/25)	61
Adults	35
Bibleville.....	17
Youth.....	8
First Fruit Giving (8/18).....	\$8,666.69

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

Adult	Fellowship Hall
.....	<i>Grace Elders</i>
Adult	Parlor
<i>Bible Stories</i>	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</i>
Grades 7-8	Youth Room
.....	<i>Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton</i>
Grades 9-12	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad & Lisa Dalager</i>
Adventure Zones in Bibleville
.....	<i>Ages 3 years – 6th Grade</i>
Little Lambs	Room 12 (1-2 year olds)

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	09.01.24
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion
Monday	Church Office Closed
Wednesday	
10:00.....	Puppet Chapel
5:00.....	Meal – Chicken Strips
6:15.....	Joyful Chorus
6:15.....	Midweek Ministry
Thursday	
10:00.....	Puppet Chapel
1:00.....	Quilters
Next Sunday	09.08.24
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
8:15.....	Elders’ Meeting
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service

*ECP 2024-2025: **Creation of People**
 God so loved the world He gave His one & only Son.
 John 3:16
 GROW in obedience!*