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Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 4 - LSB 203

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as on our Facebook and website (see above) allowing you to give online.

As We Gather: Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. But the other Readings provide the context. At the time of the Old Testament Reading, false prophets were telling people that nothing was wrong, although God had not commanded them to teach about anything. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that acting on one's faith inevitably leads to conflict, even within families. Only by faith are we able to look beyond the current, inevitable conflict to the joy that awaits all who follow Jesus. For the eternal joy before Him, He endured the pain. Now it is our turn to run the endurance race until faith is turned to sight.

Mission Of The Month....Lutheran education is a trademark of our synod's understanding of what makes the Church strong. We are blessed to have CLS nearby and our mission jar in the narthex gives us the chance to support students from Grace that attend Central. With the state now providing Educational Savings Accounts in addition to the funds Grace provides, finances should not be a factor now in making a decision to send your child to CLS. Contact the school office at 223-5271 for more information.

"Survive & Thrive" Bible Study: We are taking a break for the summer, but plan to return again next fall. If you have a topic you would like to explore next year, please contact Pastor this summer.

Greeting Cards for every occasion are on the table in the NE corner of the entry with an assortment for you to purchase for \$.50 each. Proceeds will be used for mission purposes. Check them out!

It's That Time Again!: The annual Blainstown Sauerkraut Days is a time that we take the opportunity to witness to the community via a float in the parade. This year we are excited that the youth group is partnering with us. Any students in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to get involved! **Float building will begin on Monday 8/25** in Sandy Long's shed. If you are able, we appreciate anyone able to donate candy to throw out during parade. Everyone is invited!

You're Invited... to the Installation of the new pastor, Rev. Thomas C. Van Hemert at St. John Lutheran in Marengo on August 17th at 3:00 p.m. A dinner will follow the Installation Service.

Start Planning! Following Labor Day, we will once again hold Midweek Confirmation Classes every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00 and Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor.

- **Midweek:** Children going into grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to study God's Word, learn the contents of the Small Catechism and be provided with opportunities to grow in their faith.
- **Sunday School:** PK through 8th grade are invited to learn more about God through Bible Stories and other activities.

School Supplies for Norway School: Once again we will be gathering school supplies for those that are in need of assistance. A list of supplies needed are posted on the bulletin board. Please bring your items to church before August 24th. Thank you!



Grace T-Shirts for sale. As part of the design on the float this year, we are incorporating a light-hearted message we think some might enjoy sharing to invite others to hear the Gospel here at Grace. If you would like to have one of these shirts talk to Paul Stults today after church. Price is \$10.