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13th Sunday after Pentecost - September 7, 2025 Order of Service - Divine Service- Setting 1 LSB 151

FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blairstown - Facebook

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 our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested by our affection for the things of this life, vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ.

Mission of the Month...is support for the scholarship fund that provides financial assistance to those training for professional church work in our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod institutions. "The harvest is great but the workers are few. Pray therefore earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into the harvest." Matthew 9:37-38.

Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. If you are unsure or do not wish to receive the Lord's Supper at this time please fold your arms in an X shape across your chest to be reminded of Jesus' love for you and the pastor will give you a blessing today.

"Survive & Thrive" Bible Study: We are taking a break for the summer, but plan to return again in a couple weeks..

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!

Midweek classes have begun for students entering 3rd through 8th grade. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00. Students will have the opportunity to study God's Word, learn the contents of the Small Catechism and grow in their faith. If you know of a new student that is interested, please talk to Pastor, Deanna Becker or Loretta Vogt.

Sunday School: Once again we invite any of our younger members to join us weekly in the basement at 9:00 am for Sunday School. If you are interested in more information, talk to Dawn Karsten, Lori Dunning, Barb Robinson or Deanna Becker.

Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday, September 9th at 4:30 for Bible Study and the LWML meeting will follow. All ladies of Grace are welcome to join us.