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Order of Service - Printed order of service

FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blirstown - 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 on our Facebook and website (see above) allowing you to give online.

As We Gather: Entering the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, is one of the most memorable experiences for any Christian pilgrim visiting the Holy Land. First constructed at the commission of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, the church is on the oldest site continually used for worship by Christians anywhere in the world. Although the basilica initially had a grand arched entrance in its first thousand years, it came into a period of disuse and neglect after the conquest of the Holy Land by the Islamic rulers of the Ottoman Empire in AD 1516. In an effort to prevent people from entering the church with horses and cattle, the Christians caring for the building at that time walled up the main entrance, leaving only a very small door. This opening has ever since been known as the "Door of Humility." It makes a most fitting way for those who come to worship at the site of the manger of the Christ Child to enter that sacred space. Where we worship here and now is also a sacred space. Although we may not have needed to bow down to enter the front door today, bringing an attitude of humility to our worship of our gracious Lord is truly fitting for us.

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

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.

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!

Sunday School will begin Sept 7th. Once again we invite any of our younger members to join us weekly in the basement at 9:00 to learn about God through Bible Stories and other activities. If you are interested in more information, talk to Dawn Karsten, Lori Dunning, Barb Robinson or Deanna Becker.

Midweek classes are set to begin **September 3rd** for students entering 3rd through 8th grade. Classes will be held 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.

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.

Thank You! What a flock! It was great to see so many hands make for quick work putting together the float on Monday night! The theme of "Join Our Flock!" was lots of fun and thank you to the youth for the inspiration! Thank you also to all who walked along with the float, rode on the float, supplied candy or helped in any way!