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Order of Service - Divine Service- Setting 4 LSB 203

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 our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the world we can sometimes struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope solely from the God who “loved the world” so much “that He gave His only Son” to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are

being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

Mission of the Month...is support for the scholarship fund that provides financial assistance to those training for professional church work in our LCMS 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.

“Survive & Thrive” Bible Study: Pastor hopes to begin this online study again in October. Stay tuned!

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 & Sunday School classes have begun. Students will have the opportunity to study God’s Word, learn the contents of the Small Catechism and grow in their faith. Please encourage your children to attend!

Portals of Prayer for the fourth quarter of 2025 are on the table in the narthex for you to take and use to enhance your daily devotion time. Please help yourself if this tool is a blessing to you or others.

Donations Needed: Central Lutheran 7th & 8th graders are taking another load of donations to the Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, September 30th. Please drop off any donations of gently used or new items to CLS Main Entry or Activity Entrance between now and Monday morning, September 29th. There is a list of accepted items to donate on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Singles: You are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their **September** church singles event on **Sunday, September 28**. Join them for a picnic at Ellis Park (NW Cedar Rapids by Cedar River) to enjoy the scenery with a short walk. Please meet by the Horseshoe courts/pavilion (south/main entrance) at 12:30pm. Bring a sack lunch and a chair in case we cannot find an available picnic table. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077.