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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: To be the "favorite child" in a family is often a source of competition and sometimes a source for comedy. Years ago, a pair of sibling entertainers, the Smothers Brothers, made their family relationship a staple of their onstage humor when Tom, the older brother, would remind Dickie, the younger, "Mom always did like you best." As we gather with God's people at worship week by week, we can be certain that our gracious God values all of us and is pleased to see us grow in grace year by year. The psalmist wrote of God in Psalm 84, "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (v. 10). There is nothing better than for God's favorite people, which we are, to be gathered in a most favorite place—which this is! He is our "Daddy" and it doesn't get any better than that!

Welcome to God's Family Avery Marie! Today, during worship, Avery Marie Loney will be received into God's kingdom through Holy Baptism. Avery is the daughter of Brandyn and Deann (Reinhardt) Loney. Her sponsors are Jenna Reinhardt and Mykenzie Scharlau.

"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.

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!

It's That Time Again!: The annual Blirstown 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!

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. If you forgot to get them here, talk to Deanna Becker and make arrangements as she will be delivering items on Monday. Thank you!