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Order of Service - Divine Service- Setting 3 LSB 184

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 charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

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: 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.

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.

LWML Fall Rally at St. John, Newhall on Sept 18th from 9:00-12:00. Join other sisters in Christ as we are fed with God's Word and gladly share the Gospel locally and around the world.

ILSTO - Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization is an excellent way to help make Lutheran Education possible for more children in Iowa. By giving to ILSTO, you help families who otherwise couldn't afford tuition send their children to Christ-centered school. Beyond the benefit of knowing your gift is growing the faith of youth in Iowa—you'll receive a 75% Iowa state income tax credit for your gift. Additionally, grain and stock donations are included in the program. That means your generosity has a huge impact for students and families, while also being a wise use of your resources.

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.