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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 Epiphany season continues to illuminate the miracle of Christmas shining its light forward to the goal and purpose of Christ's coming to us in the flesh. That purpose is the salvation of the world through the forgiveness of our sins. That forgiveness can and will happen only through the sacrifice on Christ's cross. As often as we Christians have heard this Gospel and believe it, however, the more often we tend to forget that this knowledge, this faith, remains a hidden mystery to the world, which ignores, rejects, or explains away "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Many really don't get it! Yet, here through the Divine Word and Sacraments, God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, enlightens minds and hearts to a spiritual epiphany.

Mission Of The Month The Lutheran Hour radio program proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to more than 1 million listeners on nearly 1,800 stations, the mobile app and online. What a blessing this is in reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Your gifts this month to our Mission Jar will enable this broadcast to continue.

Interested in Finding Out More about our Faith? Pastor would like to offer some instructional classes on the basic beliefs of our faith for anyone interested. At the end of these sessions, anyone wishing to become a member of this congregation will be welcome to do so. Talk to Pastor if interested.

Men's Bible Study forming... A great suggestion has been made to study a book called "Man Up" calling us to be godly men in whatever place we find ourselves in life. Pastor is asking if SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM would be a possibility. Let Pastor know if you are interested so we can order books and finalize if this time works best or we need to consider another option.

CLS Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year - Enrollment for current families will be Feb. 2nd-February 6th. Open enrollment for community members begins on March 2nd. Contact the CLS office for more information at 319-223-5271.

Lenten Suppers: Volunteers are needed to host Lenten suppers this year. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to help.

Lent begins February 18th! Lenten Theme: "For Us" is this year's Lenten Series and will be used by many of our fellow Benton County congregations and is based on the hymn "Oh Love, How Deep" (LSB 544). This year we again will be sharing preachers with St. John-Newhall and St. Stephens-Atkins. Through Thrivent Action Team funds we will also have special devotional books available that are based on this series.

Christ Lutheran High School (CLHS) Update: Now that they have established their tax exempt status with the state {501(c)3}, plans are continuing to move forward for a Lutheran High School in our area. See the update on the bulletin board.

Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday, February 10th with the Bible Study at 4:30 and the LWML meeting following at 5:30.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Deadline to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Three options to direct your Dollars include: Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice and search for your organization, or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice", or call Dan Newton at (319) 721-4033.