

<b>Sunday</b> 10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group 10:45 am Adult Sunday School	<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 am Prayer @ Hope Academy 10:00 am Sisters In Christ 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir
<b>Monday</b> Bible Study	
<b>Tuesday</b> 11:15 am Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Prayer Gathering	<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am Grace Notes Crew

*Flowers today are provided by  
Mike & Donna Rutledge  
in honor of their **50th** Wedding Anniversary.*

<b>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP</b>	<i>Grace's</i> search for a part-time Finance Manager continues.
Weekly Giving Income: \$xxxx	Do you have anyone to recommend for that important role at <i>Grace</i> ?
YTD Income: \$	Please let us know if you do!
Weekly Expenses: \$	
YTD Expenses: \$	

#### Discussion Questions

- 1) Read Luke 2:41-52. Why do you think Jesus answered His parents in this way?
- 2) Why did Jesus, being the Son of God, feel he needed to inquire about his Father)?
- 3) Read Luke 11:11-13. Why do you think that Jesus inserts the words, "...*though you are evil*", in the middle of this verse?
- 4) Is Jesus reminding the disciples/us that we all are sinners? If that's the case: What do you know, from the Holy Scriptures, that can save us from our sinful nature?
- 5) The Apostle Paul states, "*For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do I do not want to do—this I keep doing* (Romans 7:19 NIV) He goes on to say, "*So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.*" (Romans 7:21) Because we live in a "broken world" (i.e., ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden), we all, as Paul reminds us, are prone to sin. If we have a sinful nature, why do we strive or work on overcoming that sin, with God's help, of course?
- 6) Read Leviticus 20:7-8; 1 Peter 13-16. God wants us to be holy/righteous. How does our life go better when we pursue being holy/righteous?

DECATUR *Grace*

## *"Our Father's Day"*

Luke 2:41-52  
Dr. Pete Paulson

*June 19, 2022*

## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

*Introit Raise Your Voices*

### Praise and Prayer

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

UMH #545 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

### Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Prayer Anthem** *For All That You Are*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #467 *"Trust and Obey"*

### Hearing and Responding

**Scripture & Message**

\*Luke 2:41-52

"Our Father's Day"

Dr. Pete Paulson

**Invitation to the Offering**

Psalm 96:8

**Offertory Anthem** *"The Lord's Prayer"* - Bill Schiminski

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

UMH #397 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation please stand as able  
Liturgist: Valerie Pries  
Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

## Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*(Time for personal prayer.)*

O Sovereign LORD, you are the Creator-Father of all humanity, you have made us and support us every day. Yet you are a special Father to those who know, love and honor you.

**Thank you, blessed Father, for adopting us as your own.**

You have called us in Christ to come to you and to find your yoke easy and your burden light.

**Your work for us is honorable and your commandments we find glorious and life-giving.**

We know your goodness toward us is so undeserved. We confess your mercy has too little affected our living; we have imperfectly improved in the privileges you have given of prayer and fasting, of Sacraments and Scripture, of service and worship.

**Have mercy on us, Father, for our every trespass and bring us to true repentance.**

Help us hate what is false, be attentive to our own condition and the needs of those around us. Guard our tongues from evil and keep our hearts with all diligence that we may love you well all our days.

**Help us watch and pray against temptation and to be concerned for the salvation of others.**

Our hearts ache for those who are bound for destruction in this life and in eternity to come. We pray for all those who are united to us in ties of family and friendship. Be merciful to them, Lord, and awaken them to life in Jesus.

**May they be precious in your sight and become fully devoted to your glory alone.**

Sanctify your people, O God, prosper the work of our hands, give us true devotion to you through wise instruction, personal discipline and living examples of faithfulness all in the power of your Holy Spirit.

**As you love us with the love of a perfect Father, may we love the people of this world with compassionate, convicting and correcting love that leads many home to you and to our Father's house.**

**We pray in Jesus' name as He taught us to pray...**

*(The Lord's Prayer follows.)*

We will welcome Dr. Paul and his family to Grace on Sunday, July 3.

This will also be our annual Patriotic Celebration.

Following the worship service, a lunch will be held to welcome the Paul Family.

**Today is the last day to sign-up, please do so outside of the church office.**