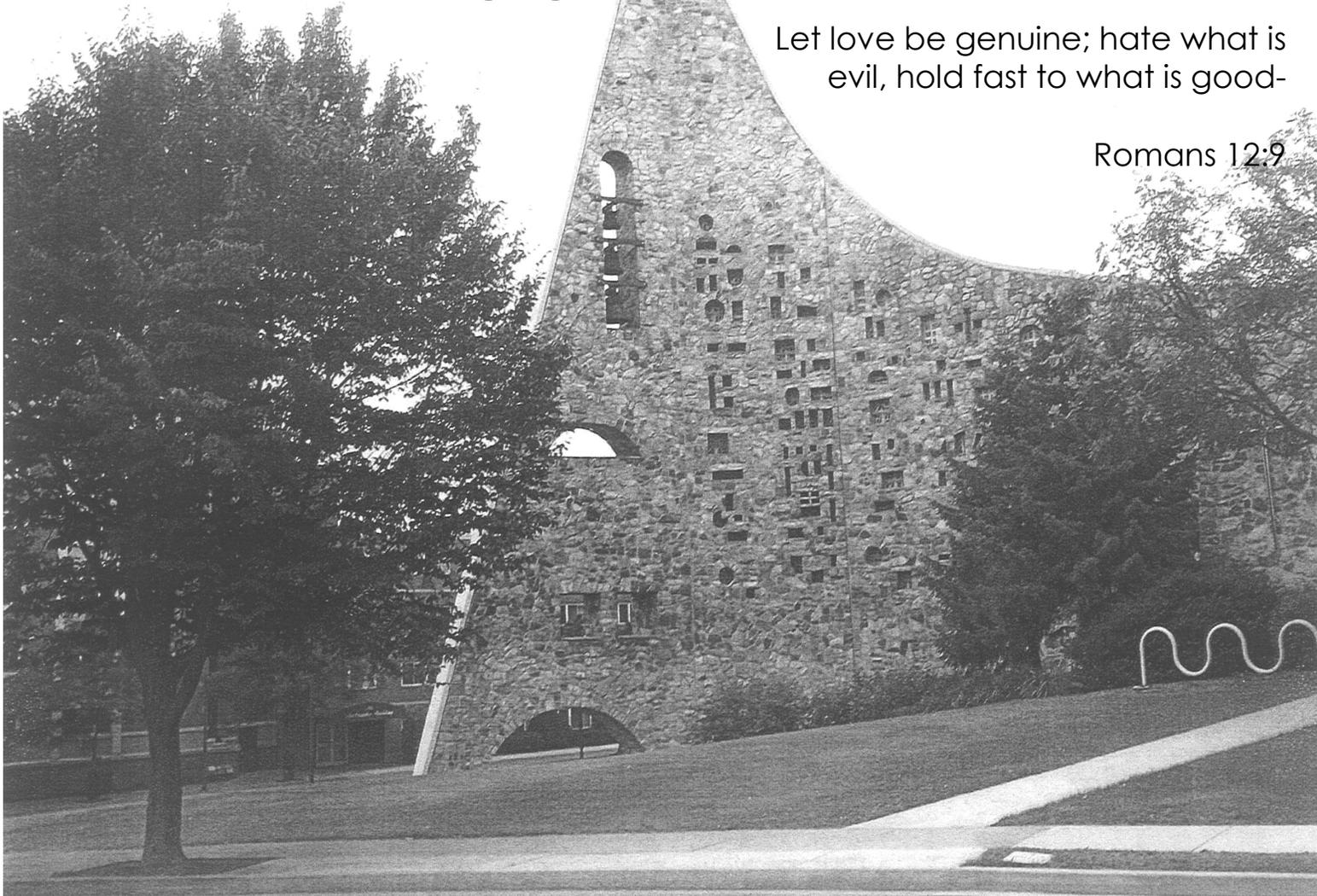


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

Let love be genuine; hate what is
evil, hold fast to what is good-

Romans 12:9



SUNDAY, Aug. 30, 2020
13th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 a.m. radio worship service
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Our Mission Statement: *"Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."*

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME....The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you." **The Second Lesson:** Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people. **The Gospel Lesson:** After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

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↓ = Please be seated

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church
State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE *Adagio (Toccata, Adagio & Fugue in C)*.....J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN *Jesus, Still Lead On*.....ELW # 624

Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149)

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

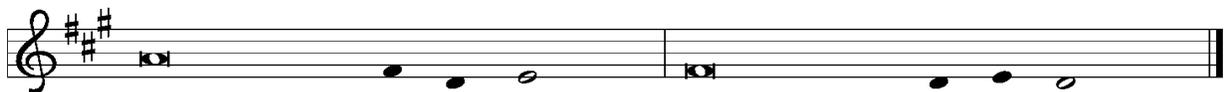
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM 26 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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P: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

C: **Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.

P: For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

C: **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

P: singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

C: **LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never

avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*ELW # 667

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will
come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the
world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C: Amen.

A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

**P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all
your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it
with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards
over your good work.**

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correct-
ing them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not
abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word,
enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise
of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

C: Amen.

P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*.....ELW # 802

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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P:: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (Orgelbüchlein).....J. S. Bach



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ELW 624 Jesus, Still Lead On

At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Aug. 30, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
 Deb Baysinger's cousin
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
 Debbie Bolthouse
 Mary & Phil Bucher
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 Sandy Cassady
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 Denise Centini
 Nancy Chapa
 Scott Cocolin
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 Cathy Cutter
 William Davies
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 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders
 Steve Ellis
 Helen Evans
 Craig Evanego

Patti Fisher
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 Michael Grego, friend of the Horn family
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips
 Paul & Sandy Larson
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd
 Wanetta Lohr
 Phil & Shirley Lucas
 Tom Lucas
 Paul Mackes
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
 Jeff Markle, friend of The Bankert's
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller
 Amy Nevling
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe

Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
 Sophia Reutzel
 Dottie Roberts
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
 Ken Shultz
 Nan Sichler Moerschbacher, friend of Margy Strong Deysher
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Ash Woskob
 Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Prayer concern- Unseas onable weather and climate affect us all, including those who work to forecast and protect us. Pray for meteorologists, scientists, researchers and responders who endeavor to warn and protect us. Lord, we often overlook those who labor to predict and protect us amidst changeable weather patterns, fires, and storms. We thank you for their dedication and gifts. Strengthen and protect them in their continual tasks and give them rest. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

September Drive-In Worship at Grace Lutheran

Beginning on Sunday, September 6, Grace Lutheran will offer "Drive-In Worship" each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. Cars will enter our parking lot and be lined up, similar to a drive-in. The pastors and a pianist will be on the portico (near the Angel Windows). Their voices and the piano will be broadcast on a low level FM signal (approx. 200' range) to the cars. Because everyone will stay in their cars, entry and exit is easy, you can sing, you can partake of Holy Communion. This service will be in addition to our live radio broadcast, which will continue each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM, as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT...In Baptism we are adopted by God and gifted with both God's promise and God's Spirit. This happens today before our 10:30 AM service when Andrew James Weigold, born August 27, 2019, to Lauren & Andrew Weigold, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Andrew James into the Lord's family, a fellow member with us of the body of Christ, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

New Member Sunday

During the disruption of the pandemic, has the Spirit been stirring in your heart? In the midst of all the challenges of our days, have you found a faith home at Grace? Is Jesus drawing you into a deeper relationship as part of Grace's family? If so, consider becoming a member. We will be receiving new members on **Sunday, September 6**. The process for joining is simple: just contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick to set up an appointment to share more about your faith journey and learn about all that Grace has to offer. Contact the church office at 238-2478 or email either pastorschul@glcpa.org or pastorhetrick@glcpa.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1 pm

Grace Lutheran's annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 20 at 1 pm**. Because of the pandemic, no lunch will be provided. We will conduct the meeting from the **Miller Center**. Accordingly, please enter through the Miller Center doors. In recognition of the need for physical distancing, and to ensure that there is enough space for everyone who wants to attend, we will offer overflow seating in the **Stinson Library** and **Fireside Room**. Members in those locations will be able to watch the presentation via monitors, ask questions, and are eligible to vote. In addition, upon request we will make the **Zoom link** securely available to folks at home so that you can see the presentation and, via the chat function, ask questions. So long as you are participating with us in "real time" we will consider you present and hence permitted to vote. We believe this is a reasonable accommodation to our present circumstances and hope it encourages increased participation in the meeting. The **purpose** of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the proposed budget for 2020-2021, and to begin the voting process to **elect** three new council members.

Pastors' weekly podcasts – We invite you to listen to Grace's new podcast, "A Pocketful of Grace," where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons so that you can hold them in your heart and mind as your week unfolds. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, make sure you take along a Pocketful of Grace.



The September meeting of Garden of Readin' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, September 15 at 10:45 am remotely via Zoom. Please note the time change. The next book is *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson. The facilitator will be Susan Hirth. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more information.

Masks Needed

Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043.

IHS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Interfaith Human Services on-line auction, Community Care Auction by IHS will run from September 14th at midnight to September 30th at 10 pm. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Fundraising Committee at IHS has had to get creative to raise funds during this time when our programs are needed more than ever. If you could help by donating to the auction we would be truly grateful. Ideas include:

- Gift cards from local restaurants, bookstores, Penn State stores
- Putting together a basket of items such as baby gifts, doggie items, kitchen towels and utensils, religious items, tailgate items
- Quilts or other homemade items

Other ideas??? These items can be put together individually or maybe maybe you would want to make it a project for your book club or other groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com to donate or with any questions. Our goal is to have all items received by September 9th.

The Naomi Circle of Women of Grace invites you to join them in replenishing the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits that were destroyed in the explosion in Beirut. Please contact Carolyn Fishburn (cxf1@psu.edu or 238-3907) or see September Grace Notes for instructions.

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for July/August/September, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at sallykb@verizon.net.



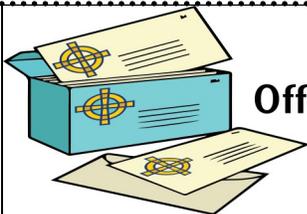
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It's what we do, isn't it? It's our response to Jesus' love.

...COVID-19 goes on...**food insecurity continues**
We'll continue to support the **State College Food Bank** through a monthly monetary donation.

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State College, PA 16801 top of the page.

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
Matt: 25:37



Offering

Support Grace's ministry

Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpa.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with Tithe.ly using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

The State College Virtual CROP Hunger Walk October 11 – 17, 2020

The 37th State College CROP Hunger Walk will be virtual walk and take place the week of October 11 through 17.

The change to a virtual walk was made to ensure the safety of all participants in these changing times. I am sharing a very important quote from the recent Walk planning meeting:

THE WALK IS VIRTUAL, BUT THE NEED IS REAL.

We HOPE supporters of the CROP Walk will be able to walk during the week of Sunday, October 11 through Saturday, October 17th. 25% of the funds raised from the State College CROP walk goes to support the State College Food Bank. The other 75% goes to support Church World Service's efforts to diminish poverty and hunger.

We will kick off the Virtual Walk on Sunday, October 11 on the State College CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page.!
Please follow the page and share with your team and donors so you don't miss any of this year's action.

Register on the State College 2020 CROP Hunger walk site - <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/>

Look for Team Kistler for the Grace Team.

Explanation of the registration process is available to download -
<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/resource/registering-online-for-your-walk/>

If donors do not want to make donations online, we may accept cash*** or checks payable to CWS/CROP. Donations of cash and checks may be dropped off at the State College Food Bank 1321 S. Atherton Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:00 am to noon. Donations may also be mailed to our Treasurer - Carla Rossi 262 Woodland Dr. State College, PA 16803 (***) Please consider converting any cash contributions to a check before dropping off collections. **Please do not mail cash, if mailing donations, please send only checks.** All donations need to be made by October 30, 2020

***Last year we raised almost \$20,000. In the 34 years of this walk we have raised over \$620,000! This is helping our friends and neighbors, as well as people we have not had the opportunity to yet meet. ***

There will be an update in the next Grace Notes, but I wanted you to know how the walk is proceeding. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. God bless you. Judy Rockey at 814-571-0442 or judyrockey4@gmail.com



Lutheran Disaster Response
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

The September Bucket Collection: Lutheran Disaster Response

The natural disasters just keep on coming.

We have worked as a church so often to relieve the suffering others. Your gift, however small or large, matters because it demonstrates your response to God's love. It is our combined gift that makes a difference! Here is a partial list of the work of LDR: COVID-19, Hurricane Response, US Tornado, Flood, and Wildfire Response, South Sudan Relief, Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis, and AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors.

Give via Tithe.ly, by check (205 S. Garner St 16801), or cash. Envelopes for cash donations will be available at worship services in September, including our Tussey Mountain worship service.



Faith Formation Website - Our faith formation team has created a new and wonderful resource website for all in our congregation. This website (which supplements the church website) has activities, Bible studies, and linked websites for children, youth, families, and adults, including resources focused on Holy Week. We hope this can be a useful tool for continuing to teach and learn our faith within the home. The website address is www.glcfaithformation.org is www.glcfaithformation.org.



Faith 5™



SHARE a "high" and a "low" – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



READ from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



TALK about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



PRAY with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



BLESS with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

**AUGUST 30,
2020
THIRTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our cross as a way to love others through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the toil and efforts of others that we may have and enjoy this meal today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ give you good courage, hope, and love now and always.

To follow Jesus is to be open to suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah is reassured
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses at the burning bush
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	God's faithfulness
Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-13	A good soldier of Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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**AUGUST 30,
2020**

**HYMN OF THE
WEEK**

What Wondrous

Love Is This



WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone you know was in pain.
- Reflect on a time you felt someone's pain. What makes you take on someone else's pain?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are in pain?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:21-28

In an era where we can do so many things to avoid or stop the pain, it can be surprising that suffering is still part of life. It is part of the Christian life because Jesus shows us that the way of the cross—an excruciatingly painful way to die—gets at the heart of the Christian faith. Peter

