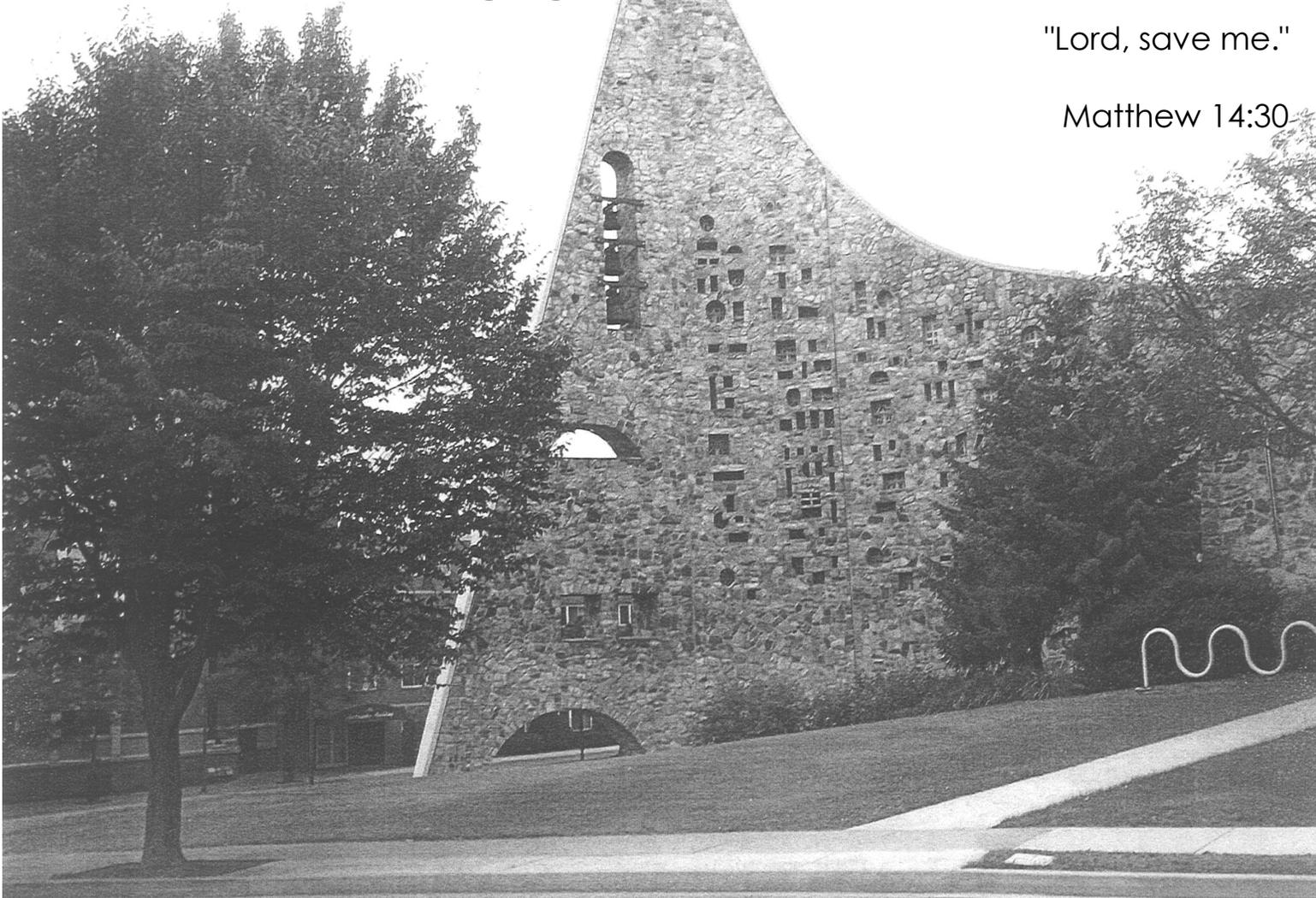


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"Lord, save me."

Matthew 14:30



**SUNDAY, Aug. 9, 2020**  
**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME....**Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor. **The Second Lesson:** A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions. **The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour*.....Roy Darley / Robert Lowery

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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*.....ELW # 769

# If You But Trust in God to Guide You

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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**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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FEED

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

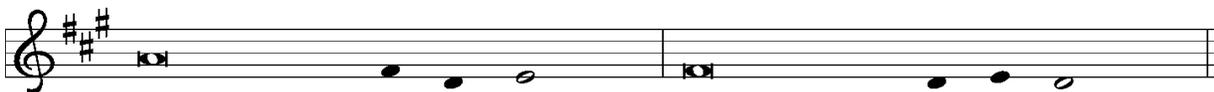
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## PSALM 85 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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- P: I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who  
turn their | hearts to you.
- C: Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
- P: Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- C: Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- P: The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.
- C: Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction

between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

## DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*.....ELW # 756

# Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## 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 *When Peace Like a River*.....ELW # 785

# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

**P::** Go in peace; serve the Lord.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Postlude*.....Julius André



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**ELW 785** When Peace Like a River

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. 9, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
 John Bankert, brother of Carl Bankert  
 Deb Baysinger's cousin  
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
 Debbie Bolthouse  
 Phil Bucher  
 Jason Bucks, cousin of Janet Leslie  
 Melanie Buffington  
 Sandy Cassady  
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart  
 Denise Centini  
 Nancy Chapa  
 Scott Cocolin  
 Carol Confer  
 Cathy Cutter  
 William Davies  
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla  
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton  
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer  
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders  
 Steve Ellis  
 Craig Evanego

Patti Fisher  
 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  
 Phil & Shirley Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Paul Mackes  
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
 Danielle McHenry  
 Kim Marsh  
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler  
 Matt Mortimore  
 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  
 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: Seafarers are unsung essential workers transporting goods, yet many have been stuck at sea in the chaos of pandemic. 500,000 seafarers remain stuck during the crew change crisis, many not given leave since March 10th. Please pray for the safety of seafarers and for port chaplains like those at Seafarers International House in NYC. To support them, visit <https://www.sihnyc.org/>



**THROUGH AUGUST 26** Grace Lutheran is offering a series of regional in-person outdoor worship services called “Grace on the Go.” Each site can accommodate about 50 people while honoring distancing.

All “Grace on the Go” services begin at 6:00 pm, on Wednesdays. Please see the schedule below. We have identified several gathering locations, each of which can accommodate about 50 people while maintaining safe distances. Our half-hour worship service will be very informal and include Holy Communion, a children’s message, and music.

**Please bring your own chair and a mask.**

Worship sheets and communion will be provided. Hand sanitizer will be available if you do not have your own. We suggest you join the gathering closest to you, (as indicated in the schedule) but of course, all are open.

**What about weather?** We will make a decision at 5:00 pm to cancel if it has been raining all day and is too muddy, or if imminent weather would prevent gathering. That decision will be posted on our social media and website. You may also call Pastor Hetrick at 814-251-2540 if you are uncertain.

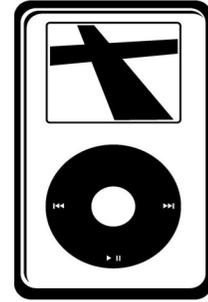
**For SEPTEMBER our return to worship team is working on plans for outdoor worship on the grounds of Grace. We will have further details about dates and times in the very near future.**

***Remaining “Grace on the Go” dates and places:***

- Wed. August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm- Spring Creek Park (Houserville/Bellefonte)**  
(use Houserville Rd. entrance. Gather by covered bridge)
- Wed. August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm- Sunset Park** (gather next to pavilion)
- Wed. August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm- Spring Creek (Centre Hall, Lemont, Boalsburg)**  
(use Houserville Rd. entrance. Gather by covered bridge)

**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.

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PODCAST

The August meeting of **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) will be Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *For Everything a Season: Simple Musings on Living Well* by Philip Gulley. The facilitator will be Sharon Rivell. Contact Laura Pauley ([llp1@psu.edu](mailto:llp1@psu.edu)) or Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for more information.

### **Connecting in Common Prayer**

Through the first Sunday in September, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and her Episcopal counterpart Presiding Bishop Michael Curry welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God." This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic – will connect us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

### ***A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God***

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,

that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**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](http://www.glcfaithformation.org)

**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](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net).



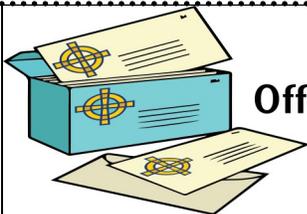
So many of you have contributed to the Food Bank via Grace.

*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.

**Checks:** 'Grace Lutheran Church'      Donate via **Tithe.ly** at [glcpa.org](http://glcpa.org).  
'food bank' in the memo line      Click on the 'give'  
205 S. Garner St.      button at the  
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](http://www.glcpa.org) and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](http://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.



## New Member Sunday *Sunday September 6*

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](mailto:pastorschul@glcpa.org) or [pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpa.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 9, 2020  
TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Beautiful are those who bring good news!*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Joseph is sold by his brothers
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	God's faithfulness to Israel
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Timothy brings good news
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
Romans 10:15 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you what is good and make a path for your steps. (Psalm 85:12-13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*We Are Marching in the Light*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Would you use the word beautiful to describe feet? Why or why not?
- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- The Apostle Paul quotes an Old Testament passage about someone who is beautiful because he or she brings good news. What is beautiful to you about the message of Christ?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 10:5-15.

Paul continues an intricate dance of balancing the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Jewish community with the new covenant given in Jesus. Finally, it is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all (v. 10). Therefore, our job is not to judge (vv. 6-7) but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard (vv. 8 and 14). What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—perhaps the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person him/herself. People cannot receive this message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to share good news with others. We are the beautiful souls not because of feet or noses or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others. Who in your life is beautiful because of his or her sharing Christ with you?

Pray: Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE

Serving others reminds us of the breadth of the Kingdom of God and that our faith is personal but not private. Faith motivates us to serve the world in love. In what ways do you serve in your home, your congregation, and in the community?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus died for us. That is how much God loves us. This is good news! "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Trace your foot on a piece of paper. Write a list of ways you can use your feet to tell others about the good news of Jesus. On another piece of paper draw lips. Write a list of ways you can use your lips to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Keep your drawings as a visual reminder of the good news.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)