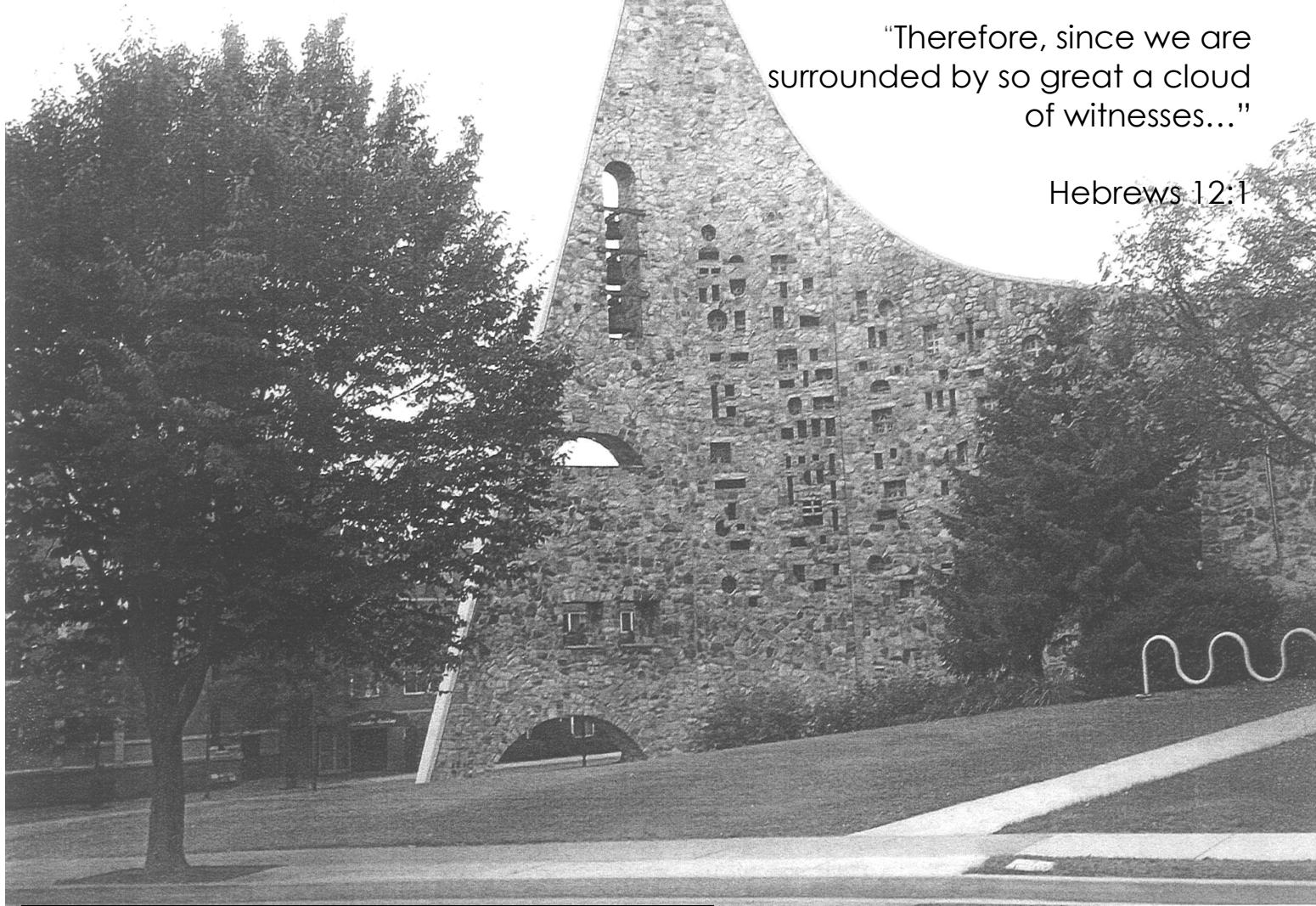


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."

Hebrews 12:1



**SUNDAY, August 18, 2019**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801

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**9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship service**

**Today's Hymns**

#ELW 812  
#ELW 705  
#ELW 669

**Distribution**

#ELW 517  
#ELW 815



**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 word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw. **The Second Lesson:** The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

## WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

- 1.Offering plate at worship
- 2.“Direct Debit” transfers from your bank account to Grace  
(see Laurel Sanders for sign up information)
- 3.Make an online gift at our website, [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Grace Lutheran!

All are welcome to our weekly  
“coffee hour” in Harkins Hall  
following the 9 AM service!

↑= Please stand as you  
are able  
↓=Please be seated

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre*.....Ralph Vaughan Williams

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

↑ 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 *Faith of Our Fathers*.....ELW # 812

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. 140)

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

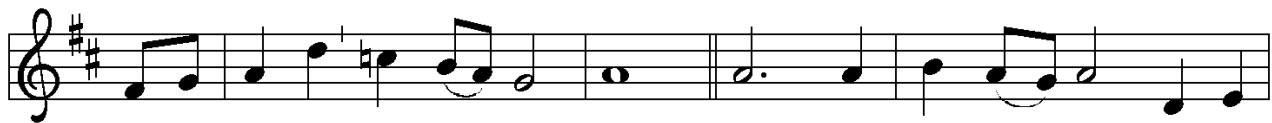
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

*Refrain*

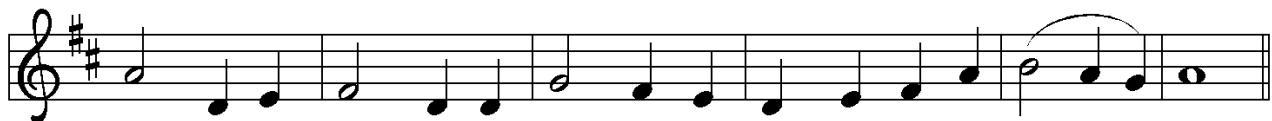
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



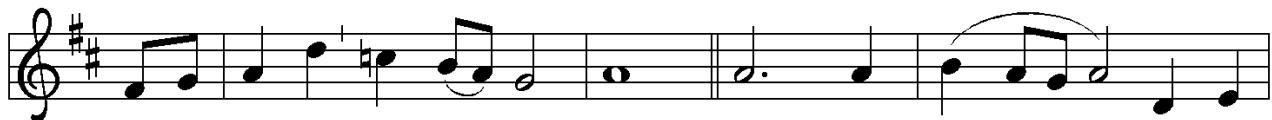
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



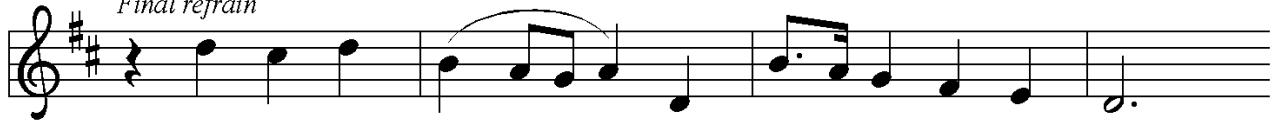
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FEED

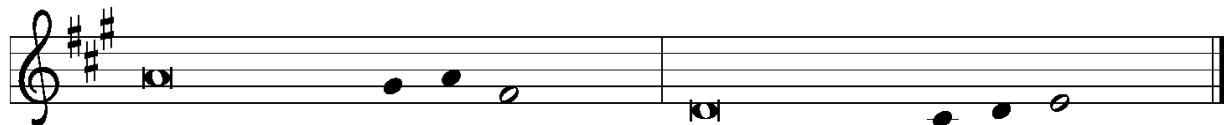
*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

↓ (9:00 & 10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Jonna Belanger  
*We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.*

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 23:23-29 (pew Bible p. 634)

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM 82—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

C: **“How long will you | judge unjustly,  
and show favor | to the wicked?**

P: Save the weak | and the orphan;  
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

C: **rescue the weak | and the poor;  
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.”**

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 11:29-31, 39-12:2 (pew Bible p. 978)

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

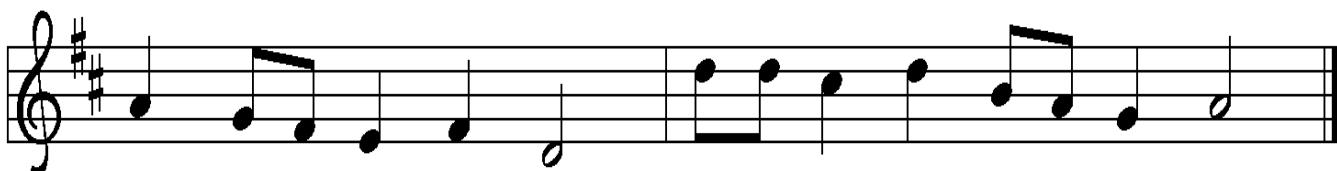
<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142a)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 12:49-56(pew Bible p. 848)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *God of Grace and God of Glory*.....ELW # 705

## 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.

## PRAYER 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 *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*.....arr. Harry Burleigh  
Ethan Hardyk, tenor; June Miller, piano

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing,  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with  
the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with  
the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us  
a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish  
your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that  
all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus  
Christ, your only Son our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 144a)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
C: (ELW p. 144b)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a eighth note followed by a quarter note. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a dotted half note. The fourth staff begins with a eighth note followed by a quarter note.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Almighty and merciful God, you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and grace. And to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

C: 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.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All who are baptized are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Children not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.

C: (ELW p.146)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Panis Angelicus*.....Cesar Franck  
Ethan Hardyk, tenor; June Miller, organ

Translation: O holy Lord, we praise you always. Help us to know and love you; grant us your truth and grace. Guide and defend us; rule our hearts and let us find rest in you. When we are tempted, save us and have mercy on us, that we may praise you forever.

ELW # 517 -- *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW # 815 -- *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

↑ P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**C: 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 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*.....ELW # 669

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory*.....arr. Paul Manz



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# Grace Lutheran

## Announcements for the Week of Sunday, August 18, 2019

**LECTORS...**The September sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lectors in the past. Veterans and new readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

**WANTED: Part-time organist** ...Grace Lutheran is seeking trained and experienced part-time organists for 9 and 10:30 Sunday worship services. Principal responsibilities include two Sunday morning services; position can be shared by multiple organists. A strong organ background and experience with liturgical worship are required. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner, State College, PA 16801 or [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org).

**WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS FOR 55+ERS...** The 55+ers are looking for volunteers to serve on their steering committee, which plans group events. Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 9:15 in the Stinson Library at Grace. Board members do not need to be members of Grace Lutheran Church. Interested? Contact Paul or Kathryn Mackes at 238-0440 or call George or Kay Weigand at 237-0099.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....**to help with “coffee hour” at 10:00am in Harkins Hall. If you would like to learn more about this or to sign up please contact Joyce Arbutina at [joycearb@comcast.net](mailto:joycearb@comcast.net).

In August, **Garden of Readin'** will read *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool. The book, the story of an adventurous girl sent to Manifest, Kansas by her father in the summer of 1936, was awarded the 2011 Newberry Medal for excellence in children's literature, the Spur Award for best Western juvenile fiction and was named a Kansas Notable Book. Read this book with your children, grandchildren, or a friend (of ALL ages) and join us on Tuesday, August 20 at either 10:30 AM in the Stinson Library or 6:00 PM in Fireside to talk about it. Ellen Campbell will be facilitating the discussion. **EVERYONE** is welcome!!

**MENS BOOK CLUB...** will meet Sept 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss the book "*Hatchet*" by Gary Paulsen.

**ALLEGHENY SYNOD BISHOP...** Michael Rhyne recently served notice that he does not intend to stand for reelection as bishop when his term ends August 2020. A new bishop will be selected at next year's Synod Assembly. Copies of Bishop Rhyne's Letter are available at the Welcome Center for anyone interested. Please keep the Allegheny Synod and the Synod staff in your prayers.

**GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN** ...is offering Adult and Pediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 to 1:30. The cost of the course is \$50 per person. (Payment can be made at the time of the course.) Please RSVP by Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> to Cathy Smarkusky at either 238-8110 or [csmarkusky@glcpa.org](mailto:csmarkusky@glcpa.org)

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 18, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Dotty Delafield	Angie Hardyk	Brian Christian
<b>Greeters</b>	Kay Weigand		Sue & Pete Forster
<b>Acolytes</b>		Spencer Hardyk Carter Fozard	Nicholas Kewitt Emilio Schul
<b>Deacons</b>	Cindy Nicosia	John Diercks Rachel Wolkenhauer	John & Brenda Palmgren
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Ethan Hardyk	Ethan Hardyk
<b>Ushers</b>		Dave Lee Bob Byers John Miller III Lisa & Marty Wiedemer	Al Fiscus Helen Brenneman Deb Lux Ken Shafranko Beth Shafranko
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Richard Brenneman
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			Grant & Tammy Davis
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>		Linda Domin	Barbara Fiscus



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Bonnie & John Miller  
dedicated in memory of Eleanor & John Miller

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Don & Deana Coine  
dedicated in memory of Deana's parents Herman & Erma Shultz

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored anonymously  
dedicated to the Glory of God

## PRAYER CONCERNS for August 18, 2019

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
Susan Antle  
Scott Cocolin  
Emma Jean Cole  
Mark Doyle, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
Kyoko Fujisawa, sister of Hiroshi Ohmoto  
Vicki Garvin  
Elaine Gotham, friend of Leslie Wagner  
Herb Graves  
Lynn Hochrein, mother of Mike & Kimi Waite  
Dick Houtz  
Fiona Knowles  
Chris Kohlhepp, friend of Sally & Carl  
Larry Kuhns  
Phil Lucas

Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster  
Mardi McDonough  
Danielle McHenry  
Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
Jo Anne Miller  
Chuck Noel  
Dottie Roberts  
Tamara Proctor  
Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
Ken Shultz  
William D. Shape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
Paul Spearly, uncle of Sheri Rider  
Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin

Christopher Ta  
Marcile Tressler  
Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
Ken Vermillion  
Roxanne Vermillion  
Stephanie & Jonathan, children of Ken and Roxanne Vermillion  
Sue Washburn, in-law of Tom Drake  
Brenda Walsh  
Marie Weimer, mother of Greg & Kathy Weimer  
Ash Woskob

### Members in the hospital



### Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

*Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A person is powerful on their knees." ~ Corrie ten Boom*

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. Each week, one person is selected to receive a special letter of encouragement. Please sign the letter in the Upper Commons or Narthex and pray for that person this week.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to Sally Keiser-Bankert.



*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.*

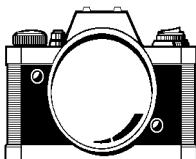
As we approach move-in day at Penn State, pray that the experience for students and their families may be low in stress and high in joy. Pray also that we might be welcoming and hospitable to our new and returning neighbors.

**WANTED – PART-TIME SEXTON** – Effective immediately, Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a sexton/cleaning specialist for up to 20 hours per week (afternoons; flexible schedule) to help clean our church and preschool, with options to work on some Sunday mornings. Send cover letter and resume to Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or call Roy Evert, head sexton, at 238-2478 to discuss the position.



### Grace Garden Giveaway happening now

Every Sunday during the rest of the growing season you will find an array of vegetables, fruit, and herbs from members' gardens that they are happy to share. You don't need to bring produce in order to enjoy the fruits from others' gardens. We hope you enjoy the bounty of God's shared abundance!



### UPDATE: GRACE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PHOTOS

In anticipation of our new pictorial church directory this fall, FREE digital photos of Grace members (with a backdrop!) will be taken by Bill Ammerman on Sundays, September 15 and 22 or October 6, between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm in Harkins Hall. (Bill is a member of our church, thus no fee for taking the photos.) Family photos are preferred; you do NOT need to sign up. Please also stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of a form to update your family profile information and return it as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net) or 814-571-3672. Thank you!

## Centre Safe Volunteer Advocate Program

Our trained advocates continue the services of our day staff to provide hotline counseling and in-person support to victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and teen dating violence. The training program meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6p until 9p at our State College office; we will not meet on Halloween or during the week of Thanksgiving. Our crisis hotline is the first point of contact for the majority of our clients and we need to have a robust volunteer program to ensure competent, continuous service for our neighbors in crisis.

More information is available at [centresafe.org](http://centresafe.org) or by emailing Dee Hall at [mhall@centresafe.org](mailto:mhall@centresafe.org)

Deadline to apply: Wednesday Sept 4, 2019

**Become a volunteer and support survivors of abuse in your community**



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Dare to be different. **Dare to make a difference. Dare to go....OVER THE EDGE!** – Over the Edge Centre County is a rappelling event to support FaithCentre and Interfaith Human Services. Last year, Over the Edge raised more than \$90,000 to help Centre County neighbors feed their families, heat their homes and become financially stable. To step off the roof of the Frazier Centre or to support a fellow Grace member, visit [ihs-centrecounty.org](http://ihs-centrecounty.org) to learn how you can be a part of this fun and unique event.

## School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Comfort Makers and friends have been busy sewing backpacks that will be filled by middle school and high school students as a mission project this fall so we are collecting supplies for the backpacks in the basket in the Upper Commons. The following supplies are needed:

One backpack will contain,

- Four 70-Sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled.
- One 30 centimeter ruler (or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other).
- One Pencil sharpener.
- One Blunt scissors.
- Five Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.
- Five Black or Blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2 1/2" erasers.



## Icon Painting Workshop Nov. 3-9, 2019 at Bethany Retreat Center

Mary Kay Laplante will return to Bethany Retreat Center to share her love of icons and the spirit-filled process by which they are created. Come join us and spend a week immersed in prayer while you paint an image of one of the most beloved Western saints: **St. Francis of Assisi**. Mary Kay will lead the class in a step-by-step process using ancient painting techniques and natural materials rich with symbolic meaning. It will be a week of both inner spiritual work as well as an awakening for most to a different kind of spiritual practice - prayer and painting of a holy image.

Contact Mary Kay at [mklaplante11@gmail.com](mailto:mklaplante11@gmail.com) for further information or register at the Bethany website, [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) or call 814-263-4855.



## Blessing of the Backpacks August 25 at 10:30

Join us at our 10:30 service as we Bless the Backpacks. If you are a teacher, campus employee, school-aged student, college student or preschooler, please bring your backpack/satchel/tote to church. We want to celebrate the new school year milestone. You will receive a bag tag as a reminder of the love and acceptance you have in this community.

## Calling New Drivers

Join us on August 25th at 10:30 to receive a blessing and a new key chain as a significant milestone. The Key Chain is a daily reminder of the love and protection you receive from God and this community.



### MILESTONE MINISTRY AT GRACE

At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

Today we celebrate the start of a new school year and the love and acceptance we find in God and in this community. We also celebrate new drivers. God is a constant presence whether the journey is short or long.



## This Week At Grace

### Sunday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.....Youth Group, Miller Center

### Monday, August 19

- 11:00 a.m.....GLPK 1st Aid/CPR Training, Fireside

### Tuesday, August 20

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside  
10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin', Library  
6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside  
7:00 p.m.....Helping Hands, Fireside

### Wednesday, August 21

#### Bulletin Announcements due at 3 PM

- 1:30 p.m.....GLPK 1st Aid/CPR, Fireside

### Thursday, August 22

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North

### Friday, August 23

#### No scheduled church activities

### Saturday, August 24

#### No scheduled church activities