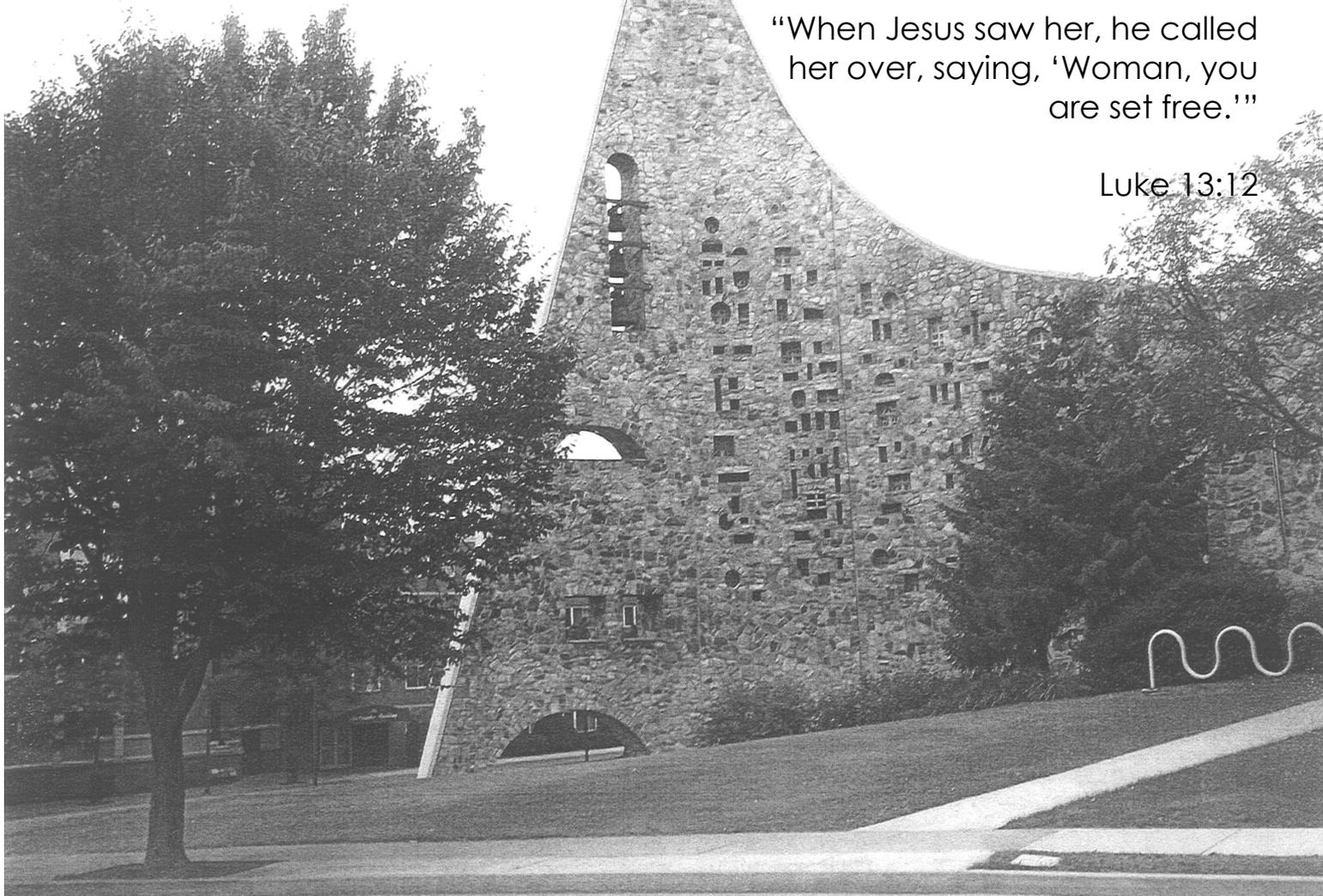


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"When Jesus saw her, he called her over, saying, 'Woman, you are set free.'"

Luke 13:12



**SUNDAY, August 25, 2019**  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 796**

**#ELW 719**

**#ELW 534**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 610**

**#ELW 471**



**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...**Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** The Lord promises that sabbath observance lead one to delight in the Lord. It is a day for new beginnings. **The Second Lesson:** Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

## 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!

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

## Follow Grace on Social Media

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

## 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.

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*.....W. Held  
*How Firm is the Foundation*.....R. Hobby

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30) BLESSING NEW DRIVERS

## CONFESSION 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 *How Firm a Foundation*.....ELW # 796

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.**

*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*

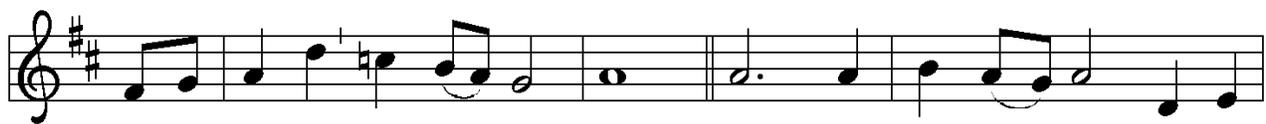
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

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*

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



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



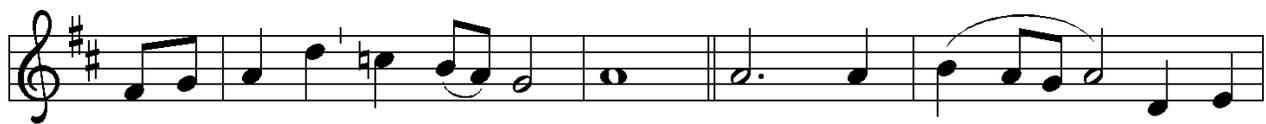
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through 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.*

(10:30) BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



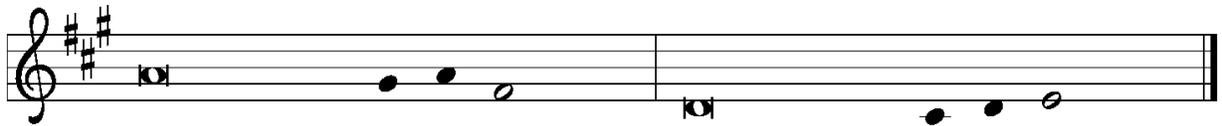
(9:00 & 10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Darcy Houseknecht

*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.....Isaiah 58:13-14 (pew Bible p. 601)

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PSALM 103—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

**C: Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

P: who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;

**C: who redeems your life | from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy.**

P: O LORD, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

**C: LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 12:18-29 (pew Bible p. 979)

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice

shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”<sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;<sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.



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 13:10-17 (pew Bible p. 848)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

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

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give

it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick  
↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*.....ELW # 719  
(stanzas 1-3 & 6 )

#### 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 *Allegro* from *Duo No. 7 opus 5*.....Campioni  
Laurel Sanders, flute; Susan Buda, cello

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

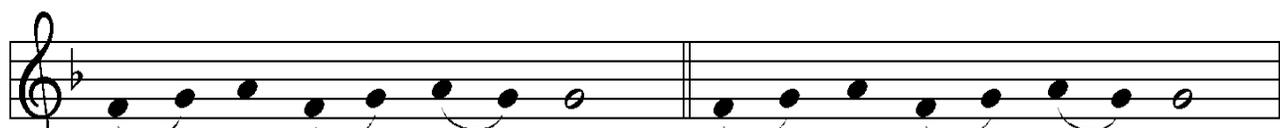
**C:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give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

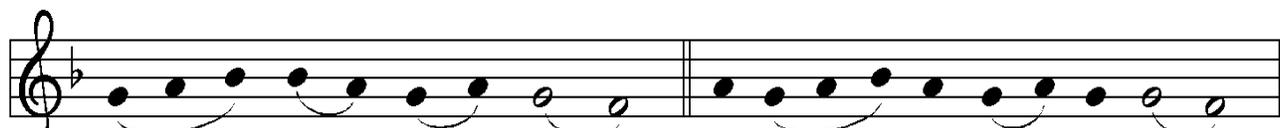
**C:** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 144a)



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



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



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



**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)

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** *Minuetto from Duo No.7 opus 5.....Campioni*  
Laurel Sanders, flute; Susan Buda, cello

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.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*.....ELW # 534

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*.....R. Hobby



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Ryan Ditmer, Pat Lloyd, June Miller & Chris Wilhelm.....Pianists/Organists

Joan Kovalchik.....Flute

Anna Carol Buffington.....The Bells of Grace Director

The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn.....Pastor Emeritus

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# Grace Lutheran

## Announcements for the Week of Sunday, August 25, 2019

**Welcome and Welcome Back!** We are glad you are here in town and at worship today! Our prayers are with you as this year of study and growth begins. Students are an important part of our community, and we want to help you feel at home. May this year be filled with new opportunities and discoveries, and may the love of God support and sustain you throughout the year. Check out the groups, events and programs that Lutheran Campus Ministry (and Lutheran Student Community) has for you, as well as everything that Grace Lutheran offers. You'll find learning, music, kids, cooking, service, outdoor activities and much more. You are welcome to get involved in anything! We'll be happy to see you, whenever you come.

**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!

**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).

The September selection for **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the selection of Lois Lynn and she will be facilitating the discussions, Tuesday, September 17, at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside. EVERYONE is welcome!!

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

**EACH YEAR, OUR DENOMINATION, THE ELCA**, encourages us to come together to as the church to serve the world on "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday." This year our Nittany Conference ELC A congregations will be banding together for an all-ages event on **September 15, 2019 at the Oaks in Pleasant Gap at 2:30 pm**. Our young ones will learn a song to share with residents followed by a craft time with them. The day will also include outdoor cleanup work and indoor serving for those who work best indoors. Our time will conclude at 4:30 pm. In order to create a unified appearance, please wear bright yellow that day! Sign up is not necessary but helps us plan. Please use the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or email Pastor Hetrick at [pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpa.org).

*Handbells*

*ring praises to our Lord!*

**The Bells of Grace** handbell choir is seeking two ringers—teens, college students, or adults--to complete our roster for the fall 2019 season of ringing. We rehearse in the sanctuary on Sundays, following the 10:30 AM service. Requirements: Ability to read music, and a sense of humor helps. Our first rehearsal this fall will be Sunday, Sept. 15 in the sanctuary at 11:45 AM. Come join us as we ring praises to the Lord! Contact Anna Carol Buffington, Director of the Bells of Grace, at 814-531-4242 or [acbuffington@yahoo.com](mailto:acbuffington@yahoo.com).

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 25, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Nancy Reinert	Libby Baker-Mikesell	Jeff Ulmer
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Reinert	Louise Tarman	
<b>Acolytes</b>		Ben Seaton Regan Houseknecht	Renee Buda Netta Horn
<b>Deacons</b>	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Paul & Leslie Wagner
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Andrew Rosenzwie	Andrew Rosenzwie
<b>Ushers</b>		Dan Bright Del Bright Ron Smith Gorman & Carol Findley	Harold Cassady Pete Forster Kurt Gibble Jeya Chandra Dave Heatwole
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Wayne Pauley
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>		Carolyn Fishburn	Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Mark & Karen Mrsa  
dedicated in honor of their grandson James' 3rd birthday

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by The Kim family  
dedicated to the Glory of God

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored Gary & Dotty Delafield  
dedicated in honor of Ruth Kistler and in memory of Jim Kistler

## PRAYER CONCERNS for August 25, 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

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. Snape 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

Tracy, friend of Carl Bankert &

Sally Keiser-Banert

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

Mike Waite & family upon

the death of Mike's mother

Lynn Hochrein

Brenda Walsh

Sue Washburn, in-law of

Tom Drake

Marie Weimer, mother of

Greg & Kathy Weimer

Ash Woskob

### Members in the hospital

Pete Cole



### 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 Pete Cole.**



*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 a new school year begins, please pray this week for students, teachers, administrators, and staff that the upcoming school year will be filled with learning, growing, joy, and safety.

## Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization Presents Day of Renewal – Refresh, Relax, Recharge

The Day of Renewal will be on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Altoona Grand Hotel, on Plank Road. Scheduled sessions will include four breakout sessions to help you renew your body, mind, and spiritual life and activities may include massage, crafts, exercise, make up, and fashion. Our keynote speaker, Pastor Susan Winger, will speak on Spiritual Refreshment. The Day of Renewal will begin at 9:00am go to 3:00pm. **Deadline for registration is September 7, 2019.** A noon meal will be included. Registration forms will be located in the church office and the cost is \$8.00. Dress is casual. For information contact Susan Ferro, at 814-237-8756 or [ferro71@comcast.net](mailto:ferro71@comcast.net).

### 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**

## **CROP Walk Coin Banks: More Than Just Spare Change.**

Once again this year, we are offering coin banks to collect money for the State College CROP Walk, to held at Grace on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Banks are located in a basket in the commons area.

Hunger is a reality not only globally but within our own country where it is estimated that 1 in 6 Americans suffer from a lack of food. What can we do to help? Here is how one family uses a coin bank to help ease hunger:

“We were concerned that our children be brought up feeling close to the problems faced by people in other countries. As a result, once a week our family has one supper that excludes meat, fish, milk and dessert. Our meal may be a starch and a vegetable, rice with a little egg or broth with bread. We each put money into a globe bank, accumulating this for a nutrition project to alleviate malnourishment among the world’s poor.”

-excerpted from **Living More With Less**  
by Doris Janzen Longacre

Please use this bank and join us in helping to feed the hungry.

**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.

## **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.



## The Opioid Crisis: Seeking a Faithful Response

Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary

November 8-9, 2019

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Event registration \$75.00 Optional \$10.00 on-campus lunch on Friday**

The Opioid Epidemic is something that touches all of our ministries. This Symposium will offer opportunity to learn about addiction, how to be a pastoral presence for those experiencing addiction and their loved ones. Opportunity for discussion around shared pastoral care and ministry programming planning will help shape ministry with those touched by opioid addiction.

Presenters:

Grace Member **Jason Whitney**, Program Coordinator and co-founder of the Penn State Collegiate Recovery Community and an assistant teaching professor in the College of Education.

**Angela Cook**, a recovery advocate and speaker and Outreach Coordinator for Medard's House, a faith-based Children's Community Center in New Cumberland.

**Dr. John Largen, Rev. Joel Richter, Dr. Bob Skelly,**

**Dr. Patricia Savage, Mrs. Barb Debski, Dr. Eric Crump, and Bishop Matthew Riegel**

Workshop Topics: Pastoral Care, Social Ministry, and Theological Response.

For more information and registration: [www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/lifelong-learning](http://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/lifelong-learning)  
The Opioid Crisis:



### 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!



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-entrecounty.org](http://ihs-entrecounty.org) to learn how you can be a part of this fun and unique event.



*This Week  
At Grace*

**Sunday, August 25**

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....High School Special Sunday School, Youth Room
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion & Blessing Backpacks & New Drivers, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m.....Crossfire Family Potluck, Harkins Hall
- 11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
- 12:30 p.m.....Crossfire Sing-in, Fireside
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**Monday, August 26**

**No scheduled church activities**

**Tuesday, August 27**

- 9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace Comfort Makers, Library
- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Congregational Care Meeting, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m.....Helping Hands, Fireside

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Bulletin Announcements due at 3 PM**

- 6:00 p.m.....Coordinators Meeting, Fireside

**Thursday, August 29**

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

**Friday, August 30**

**No scheduled church activities**

**Saturday, August 31**

- 8:00 a.m.....Car Parking, Fund Raiser