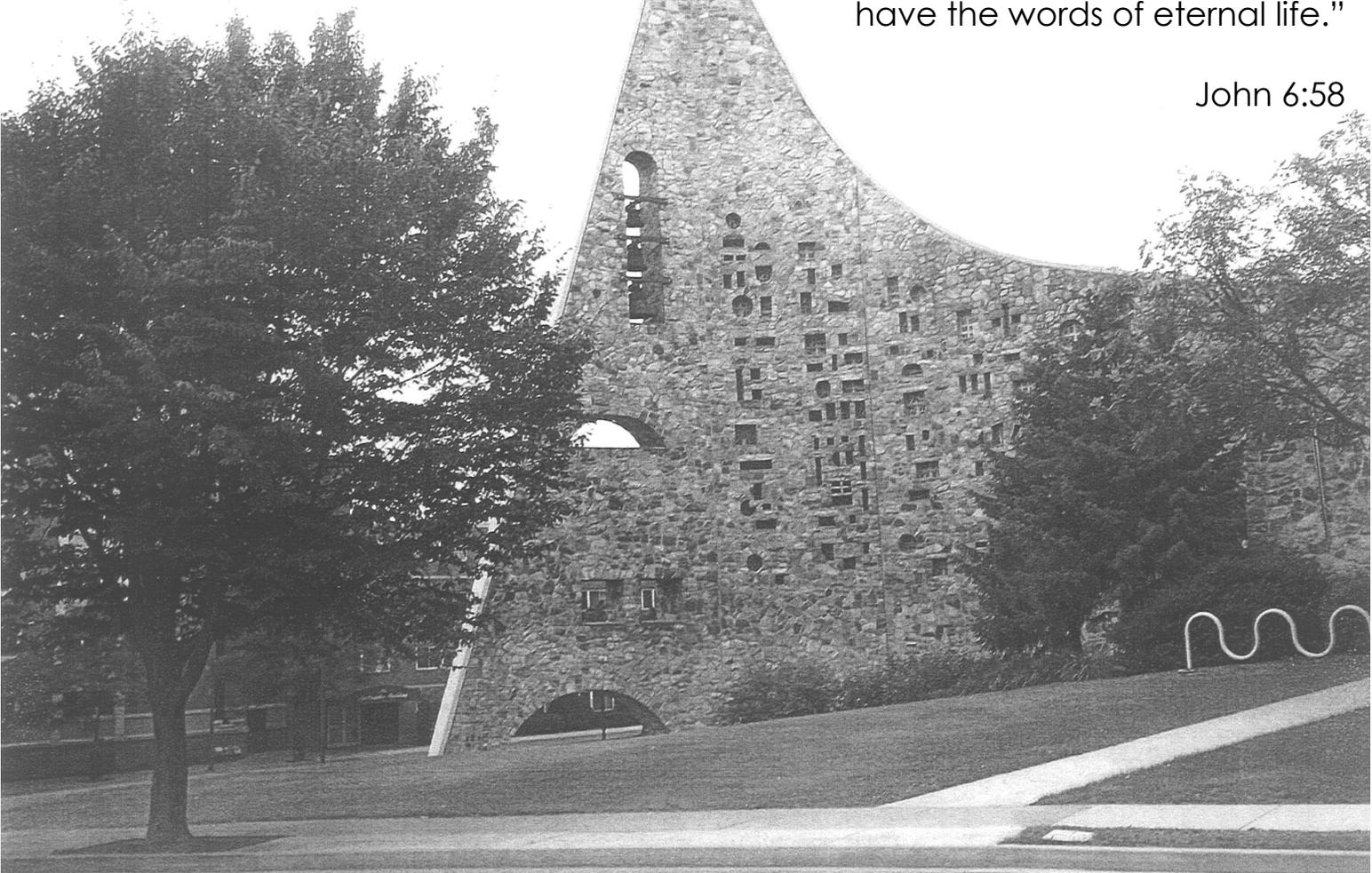


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"Lord, to whom can we go? You  
have the words of eternal life."

John 6:58



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018**  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 408**

**#ELW 810**

**#ELW 537**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 494**

**#ELW 461**



**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...**In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS.... The First Lesson:** In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond. **The Second Lesson...** Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

**The Gospel Lesson:** The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"



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

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↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Italian Hymn*.....Proulx

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF NEW DRIVERS

↑ 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.*

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King*.....ELW #408

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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, 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.*



(9 & 10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Peter Horn

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

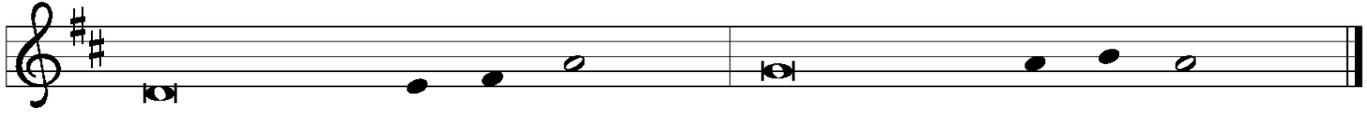
*We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.*

FIRST LESSON.....Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18(pew Bible p. 187)

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

PSALM 34 — *Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

**C: The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.**

L: The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.

**C: Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.**

L: God will keep safe | all their bones;  
not one of them | shall be broken.

**C: O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

SECOND LESSON..... Ephesians 6:10-18(pew Bible p. 951)

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 6:56-69(pew Bible p. 868)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Deacon Alicia Anderson, Lutheran Campus Ministry

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *O Jesus, I Have Promised* .....ELW #810

(10:30 A.M.) HOLY BAPTISM.....ELW p. 227

#### 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.**

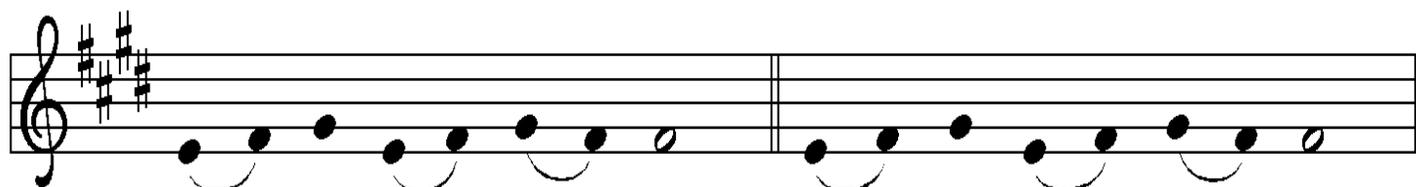
↓ OFFERTORY *We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes*.....arr. Douglas Smith  
Troy Heatwole and Sarah Rodgers, clarinets

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

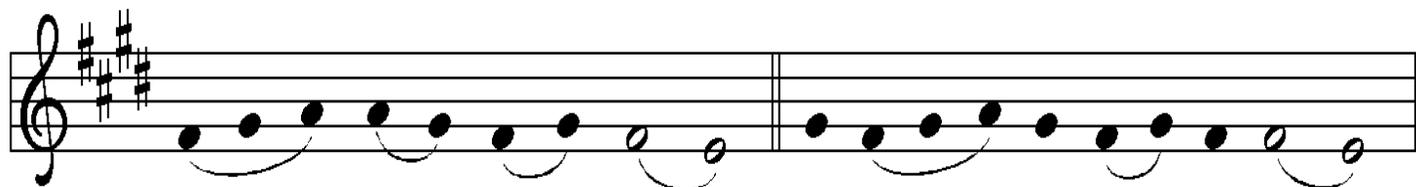
**C:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us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

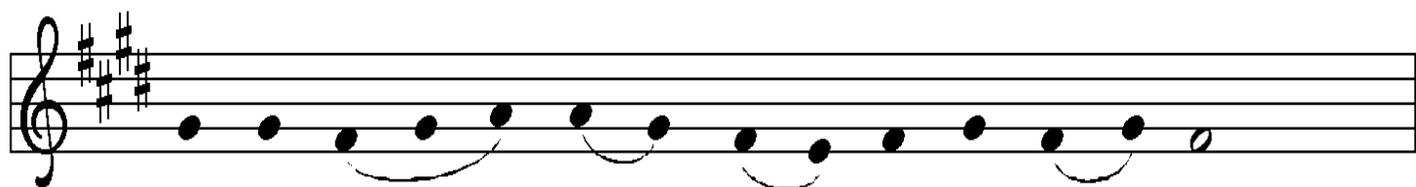
**C:** Amen.



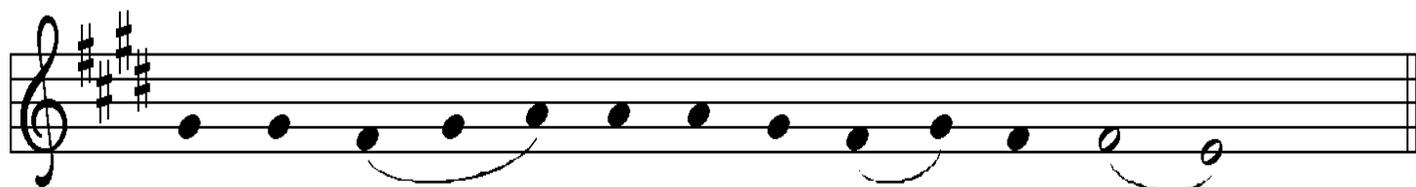
**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



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



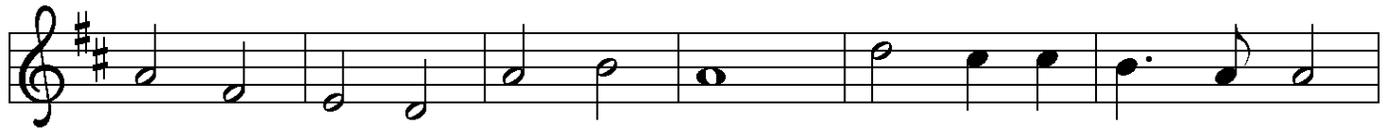
**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 152)

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. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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: Everlasting God, the whole universe sings a new song of praise: the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us.

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.154)



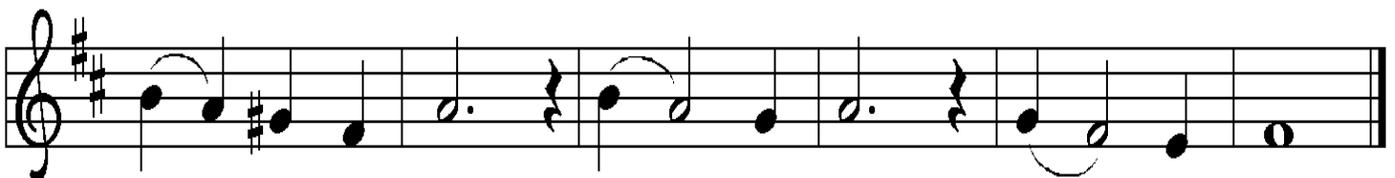
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #494 -- *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*  
ELW #461 -- *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*



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

C: **Amen.**

C:

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.  
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.

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P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; 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 *On Our Way Rejoicing*.....ELW #537

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Canzona in G, BuxWV 170*.....Buxtehude



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# Grace Lutheran

**Announcements for the Week of Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT...** In Baptism we are adopted by God and gifted with both His promise and His Spirit. Just such a moment comes today at our 10:30 A.M. service, when Brooke Mae Dunkle, born July 7, 2018, daughter of Donald and Kristen Dunkle, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Brooke Mae into the Lord's family, a fellow member with us of the body of Christ, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

**THIS IS THE YEAR FOR YOU TO SING IN THE ADULT CHOIR!...** If you like to sing, read music fairly well and are high school aged or older, NOW is the time for you to join the talented, fun loving folks in the adult choir! Rehearsals are Wed. nights from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary, and 10:00am Sun. mornings in the choir room. Although a semester or year-long commitment to the ensemble is preferred, if you can make the Wed. night and Sun. morning rehearsal, we'd love to have you join us, even if it's only for a week or two. Rehearsals will begin on Wed., Sept. 5. Sun., Sept. 16, will be the first Sunday that the choir sings at the 10:30am service. Please contact Jayne Glocke at [jpg9@psu.edu](mailto:jpg9@psu.edu) if you're interested or have any questions. It would be GREAT to have you with us...give it a try!

**REMINDER...** Pastor Lynn begins retirement Sept. 1st, but he is taking vacation through August.

**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!

**ACOLYTES NEEDED...** We are looking to expand our roster of acolytes for all services. The commitment is typically one service per month and we work around your family schedule. It is also a great way to involve kids in the worship service. Please contact Stephanie Fozard at [steph@fozards.com](mailto:steph@fozards.com) if interested.

**WANTED – PART-TIME SEXTON STARTING LATE AUGUST** – Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a sexton for approximately 25 hours per week as soon as possible to help care for our building and grounds. Responsibilities primarily involve daily cleaning within our church and school as designated by the head sexton. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from noon until 4pm and several Sunday mornings each month. Send cover letter and resume to Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or call her or Roy Evert, head sexton, at 238-2478 to discuss the position.

**WORSHIP AT THE MOUNTAIN AND FAMILY EVENT KICK-OFF**, September 9th – Mark your calendar for worship at Tussey Mountain at 11 am (on the patio behind the ski lodge), followed by our annual picnic and activities. Look for details soon.

**BUCKET COLLECTION SEPT. 16TH** ...for Lutheran Disaster Response, which is providing aid for victims of the wildfires and is continuing to help victims of the 2017 hurricanes.

The September selection for **THE GARDEN OF READIN'** (women's book club) is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The meeting will be Tuesday, September 18 at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside. Lois Lynn will be the discussion facilitator.

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 26, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Nancy Reinert	Lisa Wiedemer	Jeff Ulmer
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Reinert	Louise Tarman Susan Bardo Kelly Conron	Carolyn Fishburn Don & Gina Leon
<b>Acolytes</b>		Ethan Hardyke Spencer Hardyke	Lincoln Hockenberry Nicholas Kewitt
<b>Deacons</b>	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Paul & Leslie Wagner
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Lester Griel	Lester Griel
<b>Ushers</b>		Dan Bright Del Bright Erin Kauffman Ken Tamminga Nancy Tamminga	Harold Cassady Peter Forster Kurt Gibble Jeya Chandra Dave Heatwole Troy Heatwole
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Wayne Pauley
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			Holly Stoltzfus
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Ann and Dave Guss  
Dedicated in honor of Bob Kredler's birthday

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Jim and Ellen Campbell  
Dedicated in memory of Lydia & Eugene Herman

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored by Ruth Kistler  
Dedicated in the memory of her husband Jim

## PRAYER CONCERNS for August 26, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries  
 Sam Alexander  
 Susan Antle  
 Dave Asencio  
 Dick Burke  
 Scott Cocolin  
 Sara Cocolin  
 Paul & Lois Confer & family, friends of Phil Vollmer  
 Cathy Cutter's parents  
 William Davies  
 Winnie Deppen  
 Pastor Dowhower  
 Norm Fischer  
 Sue Forster  
 Rich Gamble, father of Holly Stoltzfus  
 Vicki Garvin  
 Herb & Nancy Graves  
 Rachel Griel  
 Barbara Hackenberry's daughter  
 Sherry Harrington  
 Donna Pedersen Hershey  
 niece of Gina Leon

Jacob and Jackson Leidy  
 Skylar Hill  
 Carl Hintosh  
 Shaun Hintosh  
 Lenore Horner  
 Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis'  
 Betty Houts  
 Michael William Keble  
 Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassady  
 Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar  
 Jim Leslie  
 Larry Kuhns  
 Jacob and Jackson Leidy  
 Paul Lloyd  
 Phil Lucas  
 Sam & Julia McCracken  
 Jo Anne Miller  
 Bobby Misher  
 Al Musgrave  
 Amy Nevling  
 Maryann Newcomb  
 Scott Rearick—Sally & Carl's friend

Kristin(Palmgren)Roman & family  
 Lisa Sell  
 Victoria Smith  
 William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Marlowe Stiger  
 Jack Sylves, grandson of Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Scott Swackhammer, nephew of Karen & Mark Mrsa  
 Lisa Thomas—Sally & Carl's friend  
 Tammy Jo Trinidad  
 Karen Tupman, Phyllis Favorite's cousin  
 Greg Weimer  
 Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's Father  
 Ben Whisler  
 Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family

**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 Dawn and Michael Leidy.



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.*

*Pray for a safe and joyful year for preschool, elementary, and secondary students as they begin classes this coming week. Ask God to bless teachers, administrators, and staff this year also.*



Grace's Faith Formation Ministries is sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge here at Grace for both children and adults. Earn prizes while exploring the Bible this summer!!!! Options exist for Pre & Early Readers as well as Advanced Readers. The Pre-readers & Early Readers will be working their way through the *Jesus Storybook Bible* while reading 4 stories a week. Advanced Readers (children & adults) will be reading the Gospel of Mark averaging 1 – 2 chapters a week. Challenge Guides are available in the Narthex and the Church Office. *Jesus Storybook Bibles* will be provided for those who select that option. The challenge ends today.

### **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.

### **School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief**

When you buy school supplies, why not buy a few more to help fill a school kit for Lutheran World Relief? Comfort Makers are busy sewing backpacks and still have kits available in the Upper Commons if you can help sew one or two. Middle School and High School students will be filling the school kits as a mission project this fall. The following school supplies are needed.

#### **For one backpack:**

- Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled, approximately 8 x 10 ½ ", no loose leaf paper.
- One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- \*One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½ " eraser

You may leave your donations in the designated basket in the Upper Commons.



# Adult Forum

Sundays 9-10 AM  
Fireside Room

Join Us as your schedule allows and topics are of interest!

## **Sept. 16 -- "There is Only Grace"**

ELCA Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber planted and served a congregation, House of All Sinners and Saints, in Denver, Colorado. Recently she shared with the congregation that her discernment was that her work as founder was completed. Her final sermon to them was on her core beliefs around grace. We will hear that sermon and share discussions on the topic of grace.

## **Sept. 23 -- Decision Theology: What it is, why it's not ours.**

Decision theology has been the core of many Christian groups. It might be answering an altar call, or repeating the "sinner's prayer." The basis is that people need to make a decision to accept Christ and become born-again to be Christian. We'll explore questions around the origin of this theology and look at it in light of scriptures and Lutheran Theology.

## **Sept. 30 -- Experience ELCA National Youth Gathering with GLC Youth**

When 30,000 youth gather in one place, Jesus shows up and changes everything!

Attending a gathering is a "mountaintop experience" with provocative speakers, service to the Houston community, worship, learning, and time together to reflect on it all. Come and learn from our Grace youth about their experiences at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX.

## **Other Topics This Year:**

- Lutheran, transgender, and loved
- Mikah Meyer: LGBTQA, Christianity & Environmental Justice
- Dialogues On: Refugee Crisis
- Ted Talk: Danger of One Story
- The Challenge of Paul
- Making Sense of the Cross

Facilitators: Anne Whitney and Dotty Delafield

## Sunday morning sponsorships

*Thank you* to all who have signed up to sponsor the altar flowers, bulletins or radio broadcast. To help you and the church office keep track of your payment for the sponsorships, please take an envelope located in the niche at the sign up sheets to remind you of the date you selected and the amount due Grace Lutheran by your sponsorship date. A new procedure was implemented effective July 1, 2018 that if payment has not been received by the church office by the sponsorship date, a friendly reminder will be sent the following week to the person(s) who signed up to be a sponsor. If you feel you have received the friendly reminder in error, please by all means contact the church office (238-2478; churchoffice@glcpa.org) so we can straighten out the matter.

*Thank you*



### **GRACE GARDEN GIVEAWAY**

Throughout the summer there is a table in the Garner Street side of the narthex for vegetables, fruits or flowers from the gardens of Grace members. Also, feel free to take any produce that has been donated. Thanks to both the givers and receivers.

## Lutheran Fall Festival

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Legion Park, Hollidaysburg

**Vendors, Food, Music**

Festival Hours: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship at 6:30 p.m.



The Festival is FREE

Dinner Tickets are \$10

*Dinner provided by Holland Bros.*

**Please pick up an order form at the Welcome Center**

*This Week  
At Grace*

**Sunday, Aug 26**

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 and baptism, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m.....LSC dinner, Fireside

**Monday, Aug 27**

11:00 a.m.....Congregational Care, Library

**Tuesday, Aug 28**

9:00a.m.....Women of Grace Comfort Makers, Library

**Wednesday, Aug 29**

No scheduled church activities

**Thursday, Aug 30**

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

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

**Friday, Aug 31**

7:00 p.m.....LSC Friday Fun Night, Fireside

**Saturday, Sept 1**

No scheduled church activities