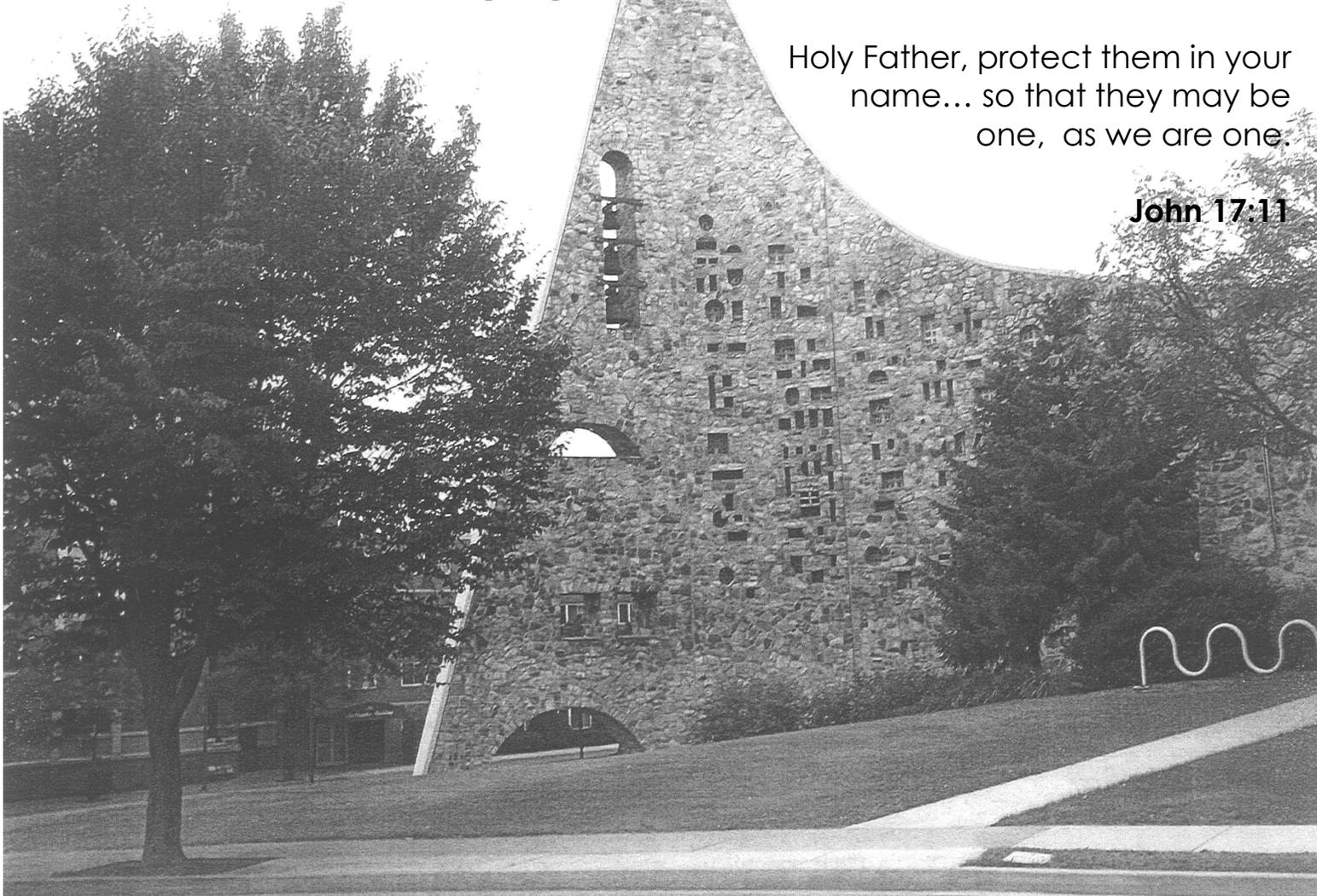


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

Holy Father, protect them in your  
name... so that they may be  
one, as we are one.

**John 17:11**



**SUNDAY, May 24, 2020**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...**In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit. **The Second Lesson:** Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us. **The Gospel Lesson:** On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church State College, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Kneel/Sit*

P: Most merciful God,

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

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

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHER**

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

GATHERING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*.....ELW # 579

# Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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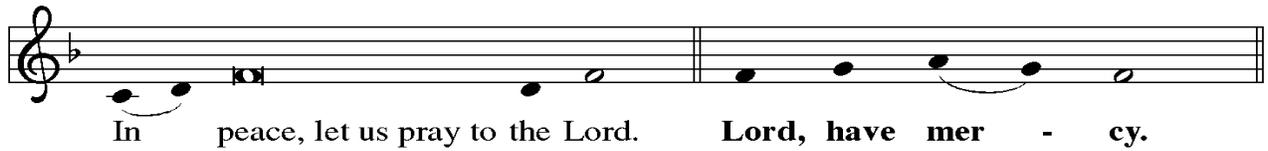
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

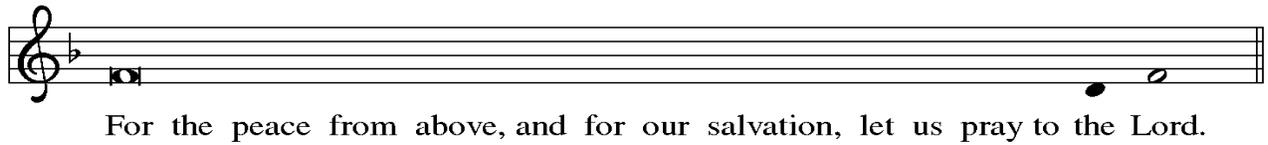
C: **And also with you.**

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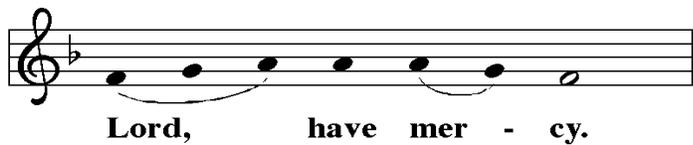
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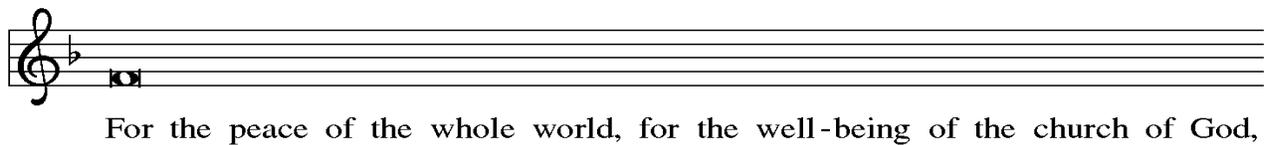
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



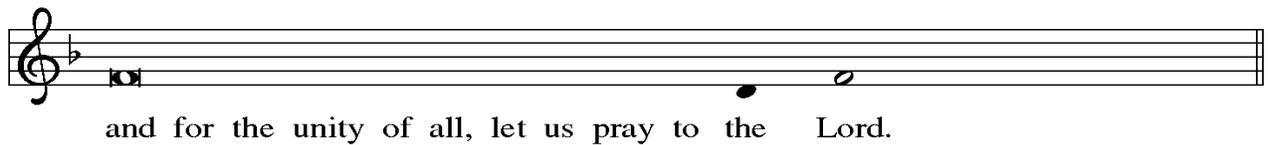
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



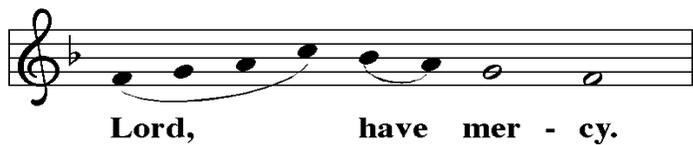
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



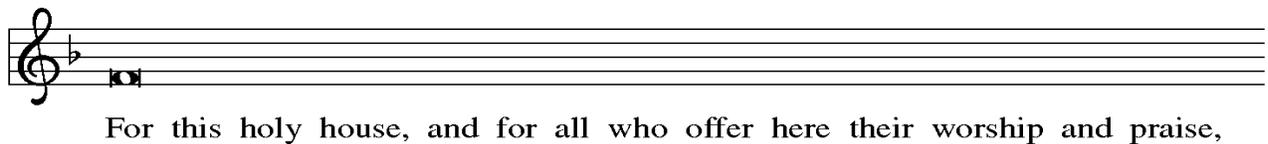
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



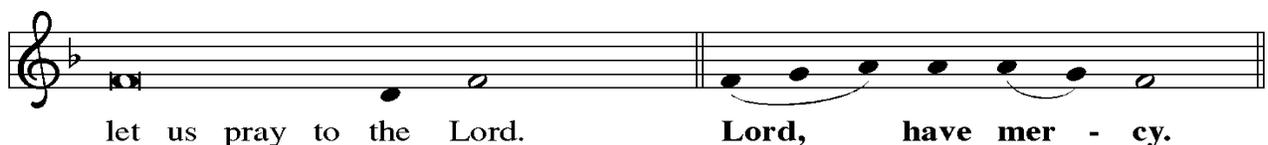
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



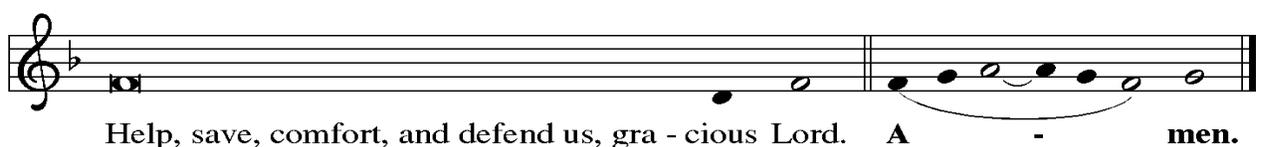
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149)

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

*Refrain*



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



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



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



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

*Final refrain*



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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

**C: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FEED

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

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 1:6-14 (pew Bible p. 884)

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 17:1-11 (pew Bible p. 879)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Oh, Love, How Deep

# 322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 he bore the shameful cross and death;  
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
 for us he went on high to reign;  
 for us he sent his Spirit here  
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.  
 Music: English ballad, 15th cent.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

**P: Lord, in your mercy**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.**

**C: Amen.**

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

***SEND***

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

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

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *The Head That Once Was Crowned*.....ELW # 432

# The Head That Once Was Crowned

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
 they reign with him above;  
 their profit and their joy to know  
 the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
 though shame and death to him;  
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
 their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855  
 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669-1707

P:: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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Joe Belanger

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Barbara Braun

Phil Bucher

Melanie Buffington

Linda Cataldo, step-mother of  
Deb Stewart

Denise Centini

Nancy Chapa

Melissa Chapman and family upon  
the death of her grandfather,  
Elmer Barta

Scott Cocolin

Catherine Cutter

William Davies

Marie Dallery mother of  
Sharon Shurgalla

Damaris Dougherty, daughter of  
Bob Hampton

Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of  
Rachel Wolkenhauer

Patrick Dugan, grandson of  
Paul & Kathryn Mackes

Steve Ellis

Craig Evanego

Patti Fisher

The family of Elizabeth Fortmann  
upon her death

Vicki Garvin

Mary Ann Hanelly and family,  
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Shawn Hintosh

Dick Houtz

Bob Igoe

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Pat Lloyd

Phil & Shirley Lucas

Tom Lucas

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Sue & Pete Forster

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Jack Sylves and family and

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Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen  
and Dick Brenneman

Karen Tupman, cousin of  
Phyllis Favorite

Brenda & Ken Walsh

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Janet Zerbe

### **Members in the hospital**

Paul Larson



**Pray Without Ceasing** 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.*

Please pray this week for God to reveal tangible things you can say or do to foster unity by expressing love to someone else.

## Remote worship options amid COVID-19 concerns:

- Sunday worship continues to be broadcast live on WRSC AM 1390 and FM 93.3. For those of you who prefer video, we will prerecord and upload a video version as well and make it available on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege](http://www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege) .
- Note that all streamed services can be located on Grace's website ([www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)) by clicking the "Sermons" button on the MAIN web page below the list of service times. Click on the date you want to review; you will find the bulletins and sermon notes there as well.

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

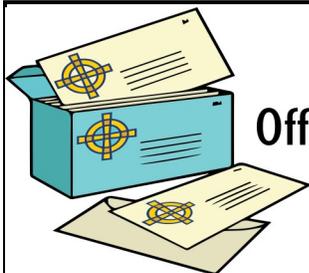
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Send us your  
prayer  
concerns

As we explore new ways to worship as a community even if we cannot meet in person, we will be interested in including your prayer requests. And so please contact Sheri (Office Manager, [srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org)), Pastor Schul, or Pastor Hetrick.



Offering

**Support  
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