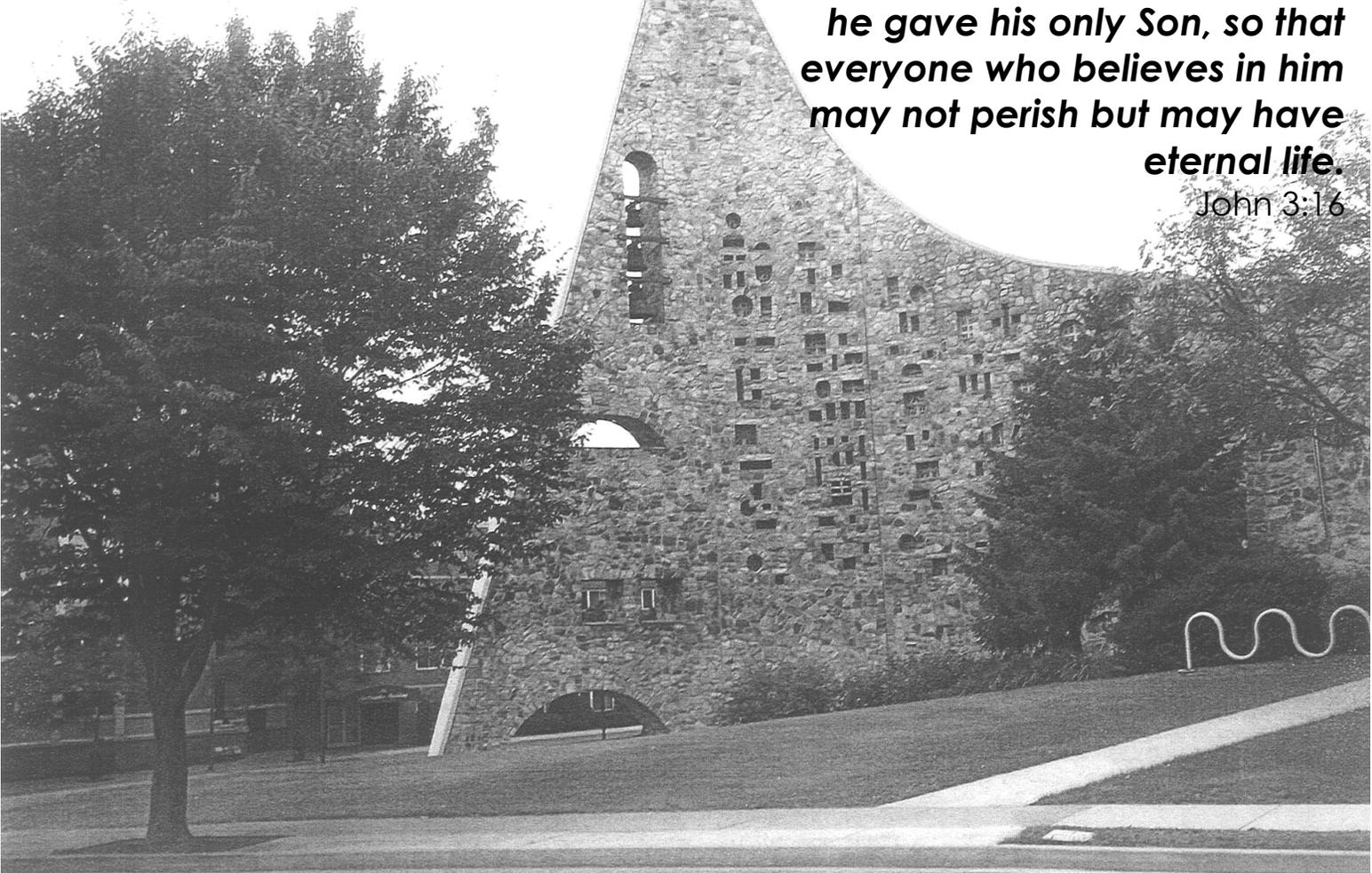


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

*For God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have
eternal life.*

John 3:16



SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

The Holy Trinity

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 413

#ELW 415

#ELW 414

Distribution

#ELW 408

#ELW 663



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...When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners. **The Second Lesson:** In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.



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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30 AM) RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

↑ 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.

(9:00 AM) INTROIT *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*.....ELW 412
Laurel Sanders, soprano; Val Updegrove, hand bells

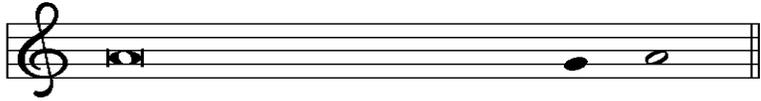
GATHER

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

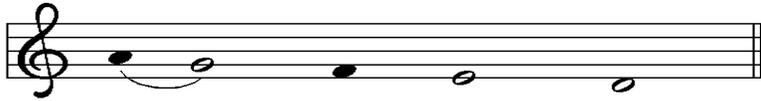
↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*.....ELW #413

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



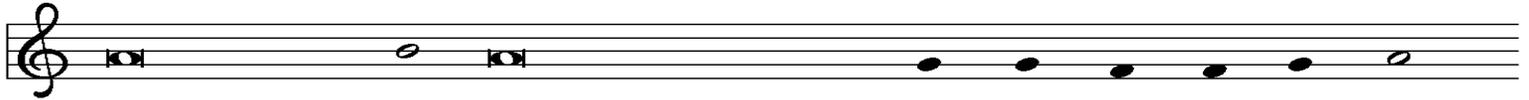
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

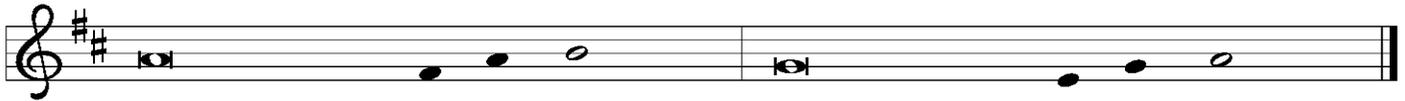
*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

↓ (9 & 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 6:1-8 (pew Bible p. 553)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

PSALM 29—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

L: The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

**C: O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 8:12-17 (pew Bible p. 919)

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



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 3:1-17 (pew Bible p. 863)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heaven-

ly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Vicar Ariel
↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Father Most Holy*.....ELW #415
(verse 3—Adult Choir only)
(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.

↓ (9:00) OFFERTORY
(10:30) OFFERTORY-ADULT CHOIR *Stay with Us*.....Egil Hovland
(Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with it's glory. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening and night is falling.)

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

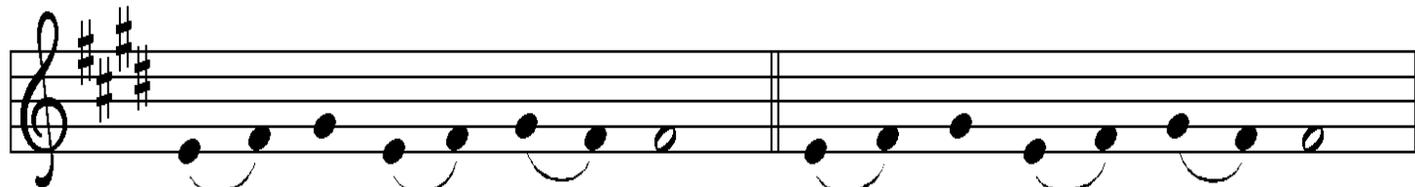
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

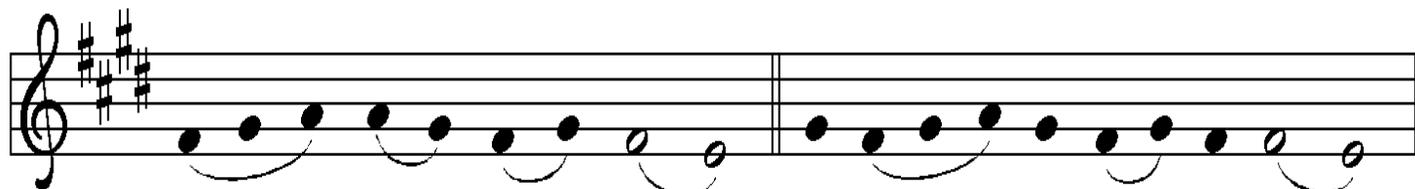
C: Amen.

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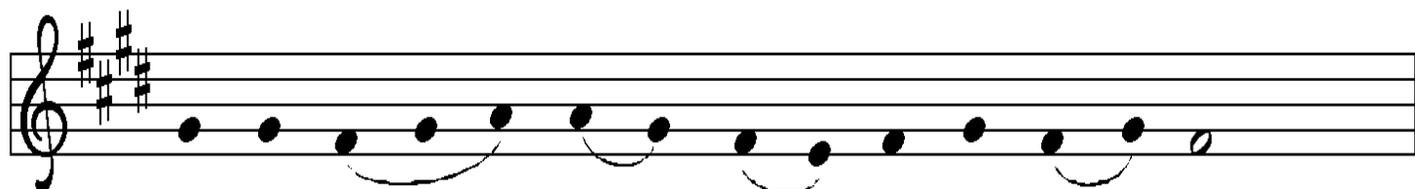
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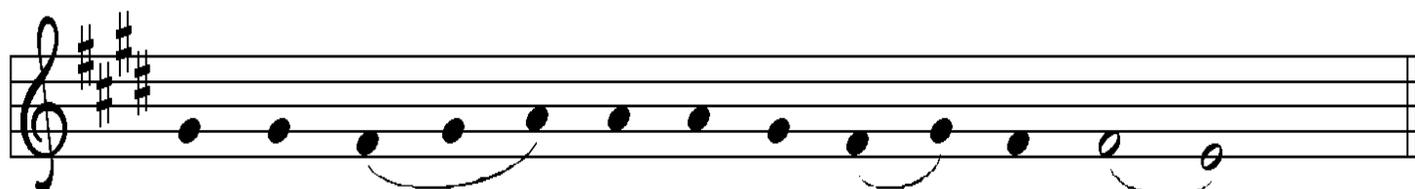
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



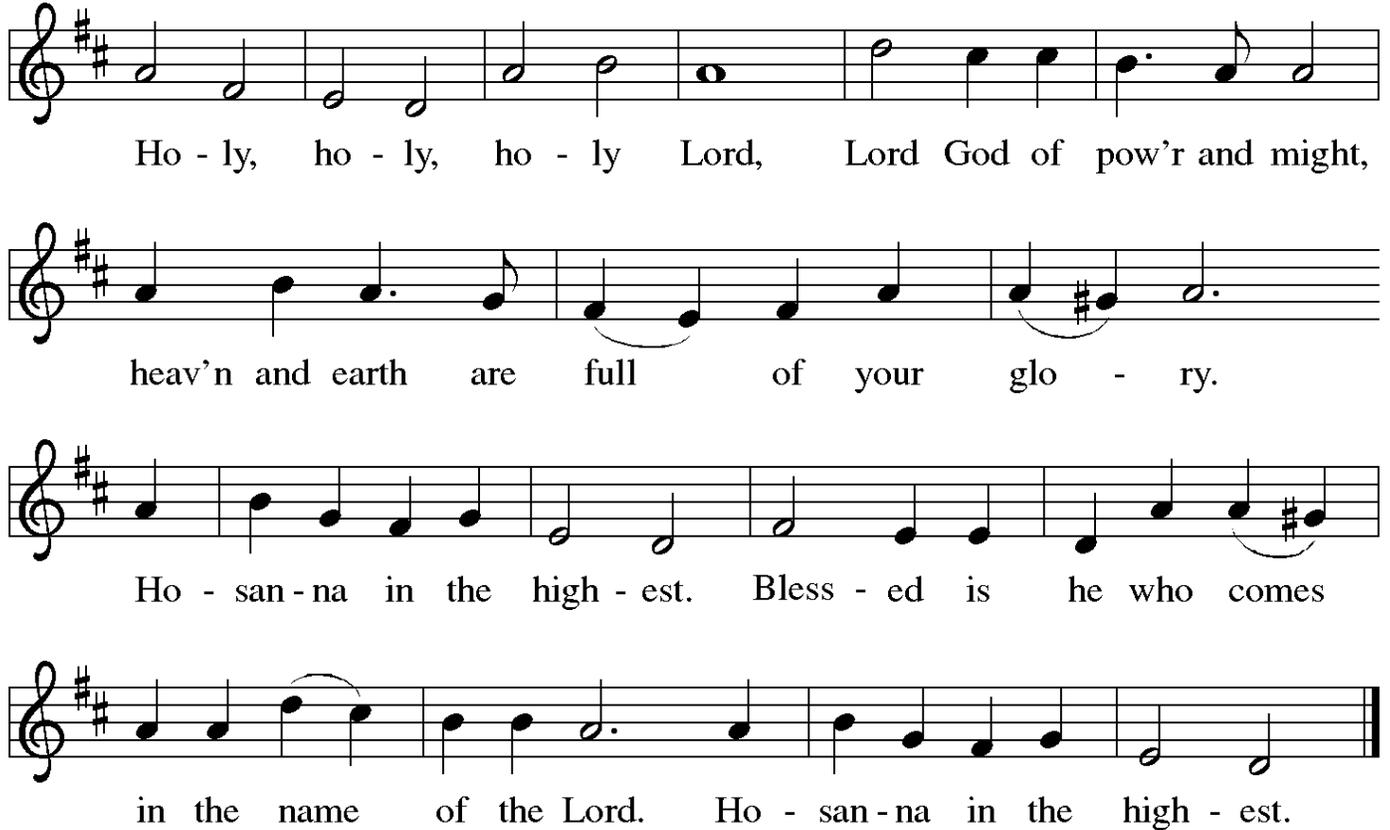
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. 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.

(9:00 AM) COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Thee We Adore, O Savior.....*ELW 476
Laurel Sanders, soprano

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #408 -- *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ELW #663 -- *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*



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 - joi-ce 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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*.....ELW #414

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn, Senior Pastor..... pastorlynn@glcpa.org
 The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Pastor..... pastorschul@glcpa.org
 Vicar Ariel Williams, Faith Formation..... awilliams@glcpa.org
 Laurel Sanders..... Music & Arts Ministry/Youth Choir Director
 Jayne Glocke..... Adult Choir Director
 Erik Clayton Organist
 Pat Lloyd & June Miller..... Pianists
 Joan Kovalchik..... Flute
 Anna Carol Buffington..... The Bells of Grace Director

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Grace Lutheran

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, May 27, 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 Miles Paul Harlor, born November 17, 2017, son of Evan and Becca Harlor, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Miles 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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY...Graduating high school seniors, please join us Sunday, June 3rd at the 10:30 AM service for recognition and blessing by the congregation.

LECTORS...The June sign-up sheet is 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!

JUICE CANS NEEDED...The Women of Grace are in need of the large 64 ounce juice cans for the altar flowers that are transported to members to enjoy. Please drop off the cans in the church office. *Thank you!*

PRAYER LIST...In an effort to keep our list current, names will be removed on June 3rd unless we are told by the "giver" of the name that a longer term of prayer is required. Thank you to all who conscientiously inform us of a person whose name can be removed.

The next selection for **GARDEN OF READIN'** (women's book club) is *All the Dogs of My Life* by Elizabeth Von Arnim. This is the selection of Alice Griffin and she will be facilitating the discussions Tuesday, June 19 at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

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 if interested.

GIFT COLLECTION FOR THE OAKS

From now **until June 17** we will be collecting needed items for the Oaks (an Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry - sponsored living facility in Pleasant Gap for our senior citizens). Grace has numerous members who live at The Oaks. There will be a container in the Narthex for your contributions.

A list of some suggested items appears below:

after shave	conditioner	roll-on deodorant
body lotion	denture cleaner tabs	shampoo
body powder	facial tissue	slippers (non-slip)
chap stick	hand soap	toothbrush
combs	mouthwash	toothpaste

These donations are very much appreciated by these senior resident/citizens who are unable to get out to purchase them for themselves.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, May 27, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Jennifer Pencek	Ron Banerjee	Brian Christian
Greeters	Nancy Reinert	Linda Domin Joann McCormick	Don & Gina Leon Lois Lynn
Acolytes		Patrick Williams Izzy Williams	Emilio Schul Patrick Williams
Deacons	Don Widener	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs	Paul & Leslie Wagner
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Peter Horn	Bob Favorite
Ushers		Dan Bright Del Bright Erin Kauffman Shawn Kauffman Ken Tamminga Nancy Tamminga	Harold Cassady Peter Forster Kurt Gibble Jeya Chandra Mike Schmidt
Radio Ministry; Sound			Wayne Pauley
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Ellen & Jim Campbell
Welcoming Center Hosts		Carolyn Fishburn	



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Greg & Kristen Kewitt
in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Linda Domin in memory of Tony Domin

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
by Jim & Marilyn Peterson in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary



Welcome New Members

Jim and Janet Carr are transferring their membership to Grace from St. Paul Lutheran in Pine Grove Mills. The Carrs live in Boalsburg. Jim is a retired city planner who grew up in Montoursville, PA. Janet grew up in State College. They love spending time with their extended family and will soon celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary. We are blessed to have you at Grace!

Evan and Becca Harlor are joining Grace today along with their children **Rowan** (a preschool student at Grace who will turn 4 this summer) and **Miles**, who will be baptized today. Evan is an ear, nose, and throat physician who practices at Geisinger/Grays Woods. Becca teaches 5th grade at Radio Park Elementary here in State College. The Harlors treasure spending family time together, and Evan enjoys playing basketball. We joyfully welcome the Harlors to the Grace family!

Isabel Roof is a resident of Lemont and is a retired seamstress and homemaker. She is also the mother of three children, one of whom (Terry) is a member of Grace. Isabel was a lifelong member of Harmony Grove Lutheran in Willet, PA and enjoys knitting and crocheting. Welcome to Grace, Isabel!

Rick Tetzlaff is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors here in State College. He comes to us from Good Shepherd Lutheran in State College and in his free time enjoys listening to music. We are pleased to welcome you to Grace, Rick!



Faith Formation Ministries is sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge 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 will be available in the Narthex as well as the Church Office beginning Sunday, May 27th. *Jesus Storybook Bibles* will be provided for those who select that option. The challenge runs from June 1 – August 26.

PRAYER CONCERNS for May 27, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries
 Sam Alexander
 Don Allenbaugh, friend of the Vollmers
 Dave Asencio
 Sara Cocolin
 Scott Cocolin
 Paul & Lois Confer & family, friends of Phil Vollmer
 Cathy Cutter's parents
 William Davies
 Pastor Dowhower
 Norm Fischer
 Sue Forster
 Rich Gamble, Holly Stoltzfus' father
 Vicki Garvin
 Herb & Nancy Graves
 Barbara Hackenberry's daughter
 Sherry Harrington
 Skylar Hill
 Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman
 Betty Houts

Tena Ishler's friend Candy
 Michael William Keble
 Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassady
 Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar
 Jim Leslie
 Nick Lingenfelter
 Paul Lloyd
 Phil Lucas
 Family of Tom McBride on his death
 Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson
 Frank Miller, Karen Walker's father
 Jo Anne Miller
 Al Musgrave
 Amy Nevling
 Maryann Newcomb
 Ronald Palm, Jerry Carlson's cousin
 Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan & Morgan Wagner
 Scott Rearick—Sally & Carl's friend

Lisa Sell
 Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin
 Tom Smilnak, Jane Utzman's cousin
 Victoria Smith
 William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Marlowe Stiger
 Scott Swackhammer, nephew of Karen & Mark Mrsa
 Lisa Thomas—Sally & Carl's friend
 Karen Tupman, Phyllis Favorite's cousin
 Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother
 Don Vinson, friend of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Lynn Waite, Michael Waite's mother
 Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's Father
 Ben Whisler
 Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family



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 Phil Lucas.



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 for our synod in Assembly this coming Friday and Saturday. Please pray for our Bishop, Michael Rhyne.



Saturday, June 16

The annual Strawberry Festival, with Magician Ben Salinas, will be held on the lawn between Harkins Hall and the Miller Center. We will have children's "carnival" activities beginning at 4:00 p.m. A picnic dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. We'll top it all off with strawberries and ice cream for dessert. This is hosted by the Women of Grace. A sign up sheet for this event is in the Upper Commons.

SAVE THE DATE, and come enjoy this summer fruit!

Bucket Collection: June 10th
to benefit
Interfaith Human Services

IHS helps our home-insecure Centre County residents STAY in their homes through four programs.

- Free Appliance & Furniture Recycling Program
- Basic Needs Emergency Financial Assistance
- Financial Care Program
- Emergency heating assistance



If you choose to donate on an earlier Sunday just put your check, with IHS in the memo line, or your cash, in a marked envelope, into the offering plate.

Be a part of something bigger than any one of us. Your donation matters! It's not just big donations that help. Small donations add up!

TOGETHER WE ARE...GRACE STRONG!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Date	Home	Visitor	Field	Time
5/28	BYE week			
6/4	First Baptist	GLC	Hess 2	6:30 PM
6/11	GLC	St. Paul's UMC	Hess 3	6:30 PM
6/18	GLC	Access Church	Hess 3	6:30 PM
6/25	GLC	SC Alliance	Hess 2	6:30 PM

Come out and support the team!

WANTED: PHOTOS of PASTOR LYNN and LOIS LYNN

In preparation for the retirement celebration for Pastor Lynn and his wife, Lois, on August 17, we ask you for photographs you might have from their years of service to Grace Lutheran Church. Since the Lynns and our staff have usually been involved in *leading* parish events, many of the photos were captured by members of our Grace family and may not be in our church's photo library. Photos of memorable moments (serious or funny), meaningful programs, or anything you would like to have us consider for a photographic retrospective are welcome. All photos should be ones you are willing to share with the congregation and each should have a one-sentence description of what the photograph represents and approximately when it was taken. Please send your photos to Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org by June 1. If you have printed photos rather than digital, please take digital photos of the originals or bring your originals to the church office with your name clearly printed on the back so we can make digital copies and return them to you. Thank you for helping to make the Lynns' retirement event memorable!

Sunday, May 27

- 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, Harlor baptism & new members, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Monday, May 28
CHURCH OFFICE & GLPK Closed
Happy Memorial Day



Tuesday, May 29

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 5:00 p.m.....LSC Student Ministry Team, Fireside

Wednesday, May 30

No regular church activities scheduled

Thursday, May 31

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop, North
- 10:00 a.m.....GLPK Miss Tracy's Class Play Practice, Harkins Hall

Friday, June 1

Synod Assembly—Altoona

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible Study, Library
- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Miss Tracy's Year-End Program, Harkins Hall
- 9:00 a.m.....Mrs. Bills' Year-End Program, Fireside

Saturday, June 2

Synod Assembly—Altoona