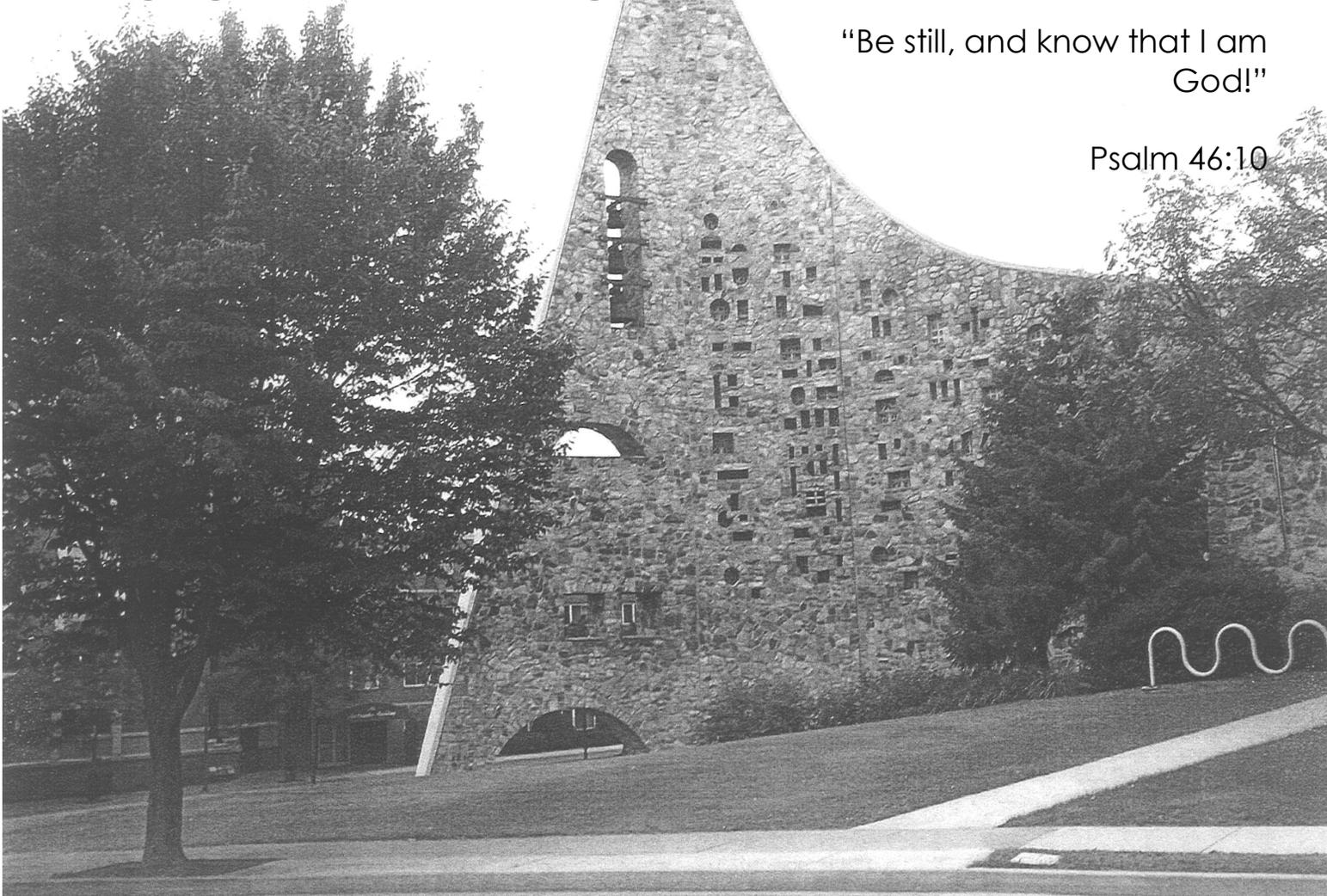


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"Be still, and know that I am
God!"

Psalm 46:10



SUNDAY, November 24, 2019
Christ the King Sunday

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

phone: 814-238-2478

email: churchoffice@glcpa.org

web address: www.glcpa.org

9:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship service

Today's Hymns

#ELW 634

#ELW 432

#ELW 660

Distribution

#ELW 838

#ELW 434



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...Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... The First Lesson: Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah. **The Second Lesson:** An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God. **The Gospel Lesson:** Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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.glcpc.org

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↑ = Please stand as you
are able

↓ = Please be seated

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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 *Improvisation on Diademata*.....George Elvey; arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK BY PASTOR EMERITUS LYNN

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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*.....ELW # 634
(Verses 1-4)

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 above, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty 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

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. 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.

2 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.

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, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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.*



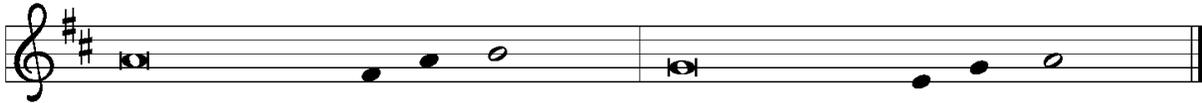
(10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGECourtney Morrison

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

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 23:1, 5-6 (pew Bible p. 633)

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM 46 - *Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

P: though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.**

P: The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

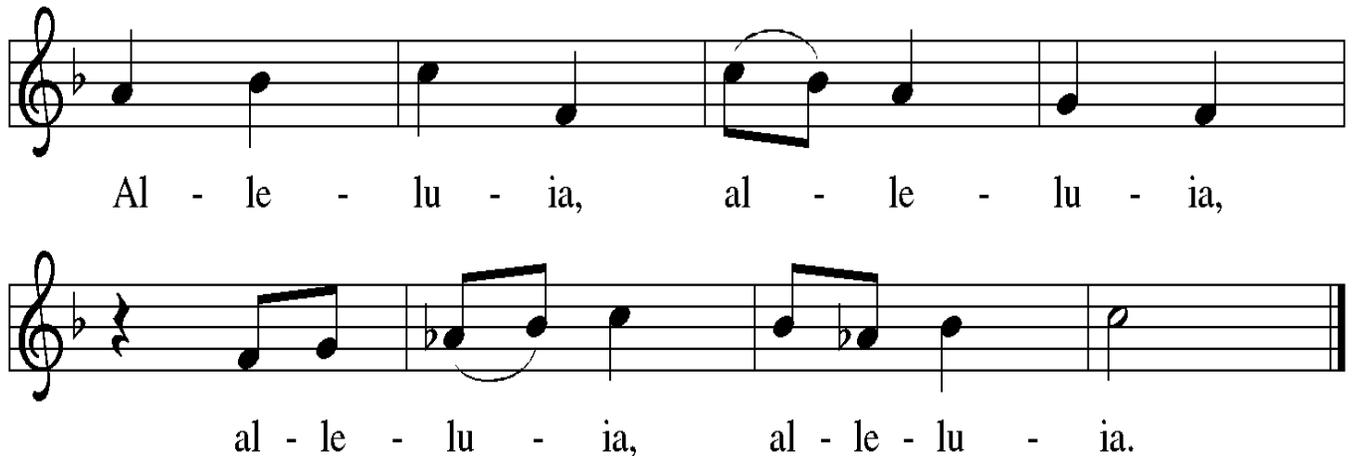
**C: behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields
with fire.**

P: “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

**C: The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

SECOND LESSON.....Colossians 1:15-20 (pew Bible p. 956)

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.



HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 23:33, 38-43(pew Bible p. 856)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *The Head That Once Was Crowned*.....ELW # 432

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

(9:00) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*.....George Elvey; arr. Brian Davis
Adam Hallacher, trumpet; Chris Wilhelm, piano

(10:30) *Non nobis Domine*.....William Byrd

Translation: "Not to us, oh Lord, not to us, oh Lord, but to your name give the glory."

Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

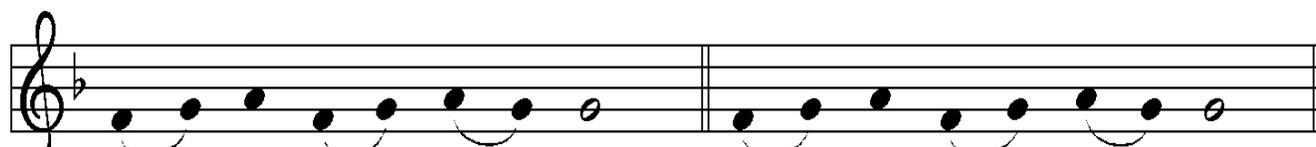
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

P: God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and In your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 129)



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. 130)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.. 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.

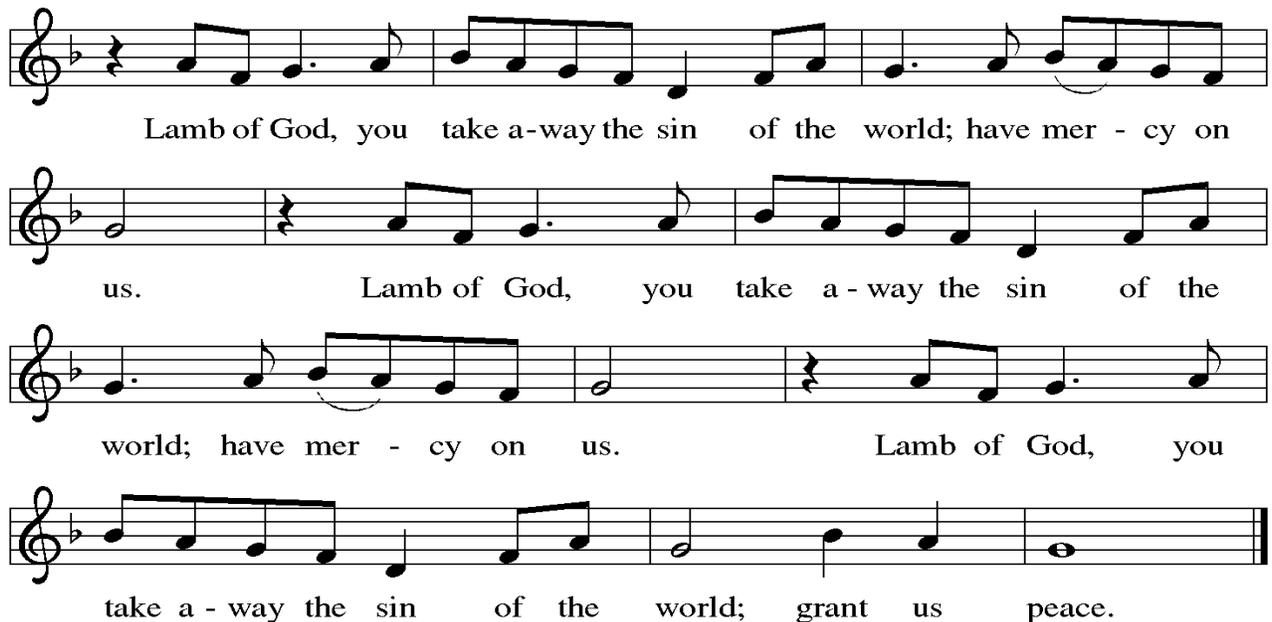
P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

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.135a)



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 DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW # 838-- *Beautiful Savior*

ELW # 434-- *Jesus Shall Reign*

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

C: Amen.

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ELW # 207

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

P: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *Lift High the Cross*.....ELW # 660

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*.....John Hatton/ arr. Herbert Colvin



- The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Senior Pastor..... pastorschul@glcpa.org
- The Rev. Carolyn K. Hetrick, Associate Pastor..... pastorhetrick@glcpa.org
- Cindy Fritz, Peter Horn, Faith Formation..... faithformation@glcpa.org
- Laurel Sanders, Music & Arts Ministry Coordinator..... lsanders@glcpa.org
- Nathan Glocke..... Adult Choir Director
- 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, November 24, 2019

LECTORS...The December 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!

The November selection for the **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. This is the selection of Susan DeMetrick and she will be facilitating the discussions on Tuesday, November 19 at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB... selection is "Life's Golden Ticket" by Brendon Burchard. We will meet Nov. 19 at 7:00 PM in the Library.

SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANT...Grace is looking to add additional people to our team of sound technicians. Running the sound board during worship is an important and interesting way to use your gifts to support Grace's ministries. No experience needed; training available. If Interested, contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick.

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.

WANTED – PART-TIME SEXTON – 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 pre-school, with options to work on some Sunday mornings. Send cover letter and resume to Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at lsanders@glcpa.org or call Roy Evert, head sexton, at 238-2478 to discuss the position.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER POSITIONS FOR 2019-2020...Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

USHERS NEEDED...for the 9 and 10:30 services. If you can help with either service please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at sallyb@verizon.net

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

REMINDER...Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. There will be a table set up in the Narthex for you donations.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, November 24, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Nancy Reinert		Brian Christian
Greeters	Nancy Reinert	Michael Conron	
Acolytes		Jacob Fritz	Renee Buda Netta Horn
Deacons	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Bob & Lois Voigt
Worship Assistant	Carla Rossi		
Cantor			Sarah Rodgers
Ushers		Shar & Dave Huebner Bob Byers Ron Smith	Harold Cassady Kurt Gibble Dave Heatwole Beth & Ken Shafranko
Radio Ministry; Sound			Wayne Pauley
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Don & Deana Coine
Welcoming Center Hosts			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by the Ann & Dave Guss
dedicated in honor of Bob & Gwen Kreidle's anniversary

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Anna Mentzer
dedicated in memory of Donald Mentzer

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored Bob & Lois Voigt
dedicated in honor of their wedding anniversary

PRAYER CONCERNS for November 24, 2019

<p>All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries</p> <p>Susan Antle</p> <p>Kip Barnett, friend of Ted & Jennifer Oyler</p> <p>Debbie Bolthouse</p> <p>Don Burris</p> <p>The family of Gladys Carlson upon her death</p> <p>Nancy Chapa</p> <p>Scott Cocolin</p> <p>Catherine Cutter</p> <p>Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton</p> <p>Mark Doyle, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson</p> <p>Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes</p> <p>Steve Ellis</p> <p>Norma Flanagan, mother of Jim Flanagan</p> <p>Vicki Garvin</p> <p>Elaine Gotham, friend of Leslie Wagner</p> <p>Herb Graves</p>	<p>Bob Harris, cousin of Leslie Wagner</p> <p>Tom Horn</p> <p>Dick Houtz</p> <p>Chris Kohlhepp, friend of Sally & Carl</p> <p>Donna Kondash, friend of Deana & Don Coine</p> <p>Larry Kuhns</p> <p>Paul Larson</p> <p>Phil Lucas</p> <p>Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster</p> <p>Mardi McDonough</p> <p>Danielle McHenry</p> <p>Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller</p> <p>Jo Anne Miller</p> <p>Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins</p> <p>Chris & Dottie Roberts</p> <p>Dennis Robertson, cousin of Karen Mrsa</p> <p>Bruce Rogers and family upon the death of Bruce's mother Janet</p>	<p>Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer</p> <p>Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert</p> <p>Ken Shultz</p> <p>William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite</p> <p>Emily & Charlotte Spearly</p> <p>Paul Spearly, uncle of Sheri Rider</p> <p>Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin</p> <p>Marcile Tressler</p> <p>Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman</p> <p>Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite</p> <p>Fonda, mother of Phyllis Verderame</p> <p>Leslie Wagner</p> <p>Brenda Walsh</p> <p>Ken Walsh</p> <p>Marie & Ross Weimer, parents of Greg Weimer</p> <p>Ash Woskob</p>
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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 Anna Boyer.



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.

Prayer concern: As weather turns colder, and as we gather to celebrate bounty at Thanksgiving, God calls us to be mindful of others who may be lacking.

“Abundant God, we give you thanks that the earth produces what we need for life, and that you promise to be our shelter. Help us to ensure that all people experience your gifts and can rejoice in your goodness. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.”



Pie Social

**NO Super Wednesday
Meal on
November 27th**

**Instead join us for our
Thanksgiving Eve
Service at 6:30 pm. and
then our annual
Pie Social**

Sunday School from 9-10 am

Classroom Assignments



-Ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten—Room 200

-Grades 1 & 2 —Room 103

-Grades 3, 4 & 5 —Room 105

-Middle School Youth will meet in the Miller Center Youth Room

-High School Youth will meet in the Narthex and then will walk to Starbucks for java, juice and Jesus discussions.

Teachers are needed for every age group. There are always two adults per classroom, one lead teacher and one helper. For more information please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn at faithformation@glcpa.org.

Sunday Dec. 1st is New Member Sunday at Grace

Is Jesus calling you into a deeper relationship with our congregation?
See Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick and learn how you can become part of
Grace.

OUT OF THE COLD



Our Out of the Cold guests arrive on Monday, December 2nd. Please consider signing up for one of the volunteer opportunities that can be found on the bulletin board in the commons area. Training is being offered today Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Fireside. If you cannot make this training date another time can be arranged. If you have any questions you can call Pam Soule at 260-367-1323 or email me at pjsoule610@gmail.com.



The Jared Box Project

It's Dedication Sunday! Bring your boxes to the front of the altar prior to each morning service for prayers before they are delivered to hospitals in our region!

Thank you all for helping to put smiles on the faces of children in the hospital. Forgot your box? Just bring it in anytime this week or by noon next Sunday, December 1 and put it at our table in the Narthex.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum meets in Fireside Room each Sunday at 9 AM

Nov 24: Want to be Happy? Be Grateful. Benedictine monk and interfaith specialist Brother David Steindl-Rast spoke at the 2013 TEDGlobal event in Edinburgh - one of the few instances of a talk from an obviously religious figure in TED history. His theory is that deep down we all just want to be happy, and that the key to this is understanding and practicing gratitude.

December 1 -- Participate in the Advent Workshop

Please join us for learning, reflection and conversation.

special offering



Bucket collection continues for Guatemalan families legally seeking asylum –Help ensure food security by contributing to our bucket collection for grocery gift cards to help these families via cash or checks payable to Grace Lutheran (with 'bucket collection' in the memo line); via November offerings; or online via Tithe.ly throughout this month (www.glcpa.org – click on 'Give'). Thanks!

NOVEMBER KICKS-OFF HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR CENTRE SAFE

Through December, we will collect donations for Centre Safe (formerly Centre County Women's Resource Center), which provides counseling, advocacy, and shelter for adults and children who have experienced dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Much-needed items include gas and gift cards (\$10-\$50 value); adult PJs and slippers; diapers (any size); baby bottles, bibs, onesies; baby monitors; coffee canisters; floor or desk lamps; pots and pans; towels (bath and hand). [For a list of other items, visit: http://ccwrc.org/getinvolved/needed-items/](http://ccwrc.org/getinvolved/needed-items/)

In Preschool and Kindergarten



news:

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots collection begins: Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will be a collection site for the Toys for Tots program again this year. This impressive program provides toys for needy children in our area. If you would like to donate a toy, please place your unwrapped gift in its original packaging in one of the collection boxes located at the entrance to the school and in the Narthex now through December 16th. If you would like to make a cash donation, or would like to volunteer, go to <http://marines.centreconnect.org> for details. Thanks for your support!

Join us Sunday, December 1 for a Nordic feast at AdventFest

On Dec. 1, following 10:30 worship, Grace will offer a Smorgasbord with regional foods, carols played by brass, singing, displays, and special guests in Harkins Hall (event ends by 1:45). If you can bring a Nordic dish for the potluck, email faithformation@glcpa.org. If you have ornaments or décor from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland or Iceland that we can display, email lsanders@glcpa.org. It will be a feast for your eyes, ears, and tastebuds. Please come!

IHS Wishing Well Campaign

The 2019 Wishing Well Campaign to support the programs of Interfaith Human Services will begin on November 29 and will run through December 23rd. Sign-up and bring your partner, friends, the kids, or the grandkids to ring the bell to help provide families and individuals with the resources and guidance to work toward financial management. IHS programs include The Centre County Fuel Bank, Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling, Basic Needs Financial Assistance, and the Financial Care Program.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the social ministry board beginning October 25th. For more information, contact Sue Forster at sforster@cvim.net

IHS – Strengthening families through financial stability.





*This Week
At Grace*

**Sunday, Nov. 24
Youth Synod Event**

8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School All Ages, Various Rooms
 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
 2:30 p.m.....Out of The Cold Training, Fireside
 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Setup & rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**Monday, Nov. 25
No scheduled church activities**

**Tuesday, Nov. 26
Bulletin Announcements due by 3 PM**

9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace Comfort Makers, Library
 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside

Wednesday, Nov. 27

6:30 p.m.....Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m.....Pie Social, Harkins Hall

**Thursday, Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Day
No scheduled church activities**

**Friday, Nov. 29
Church office is closed**

Saturday, Nov. 30

8:00a.m.....Car Parking Fundraiser