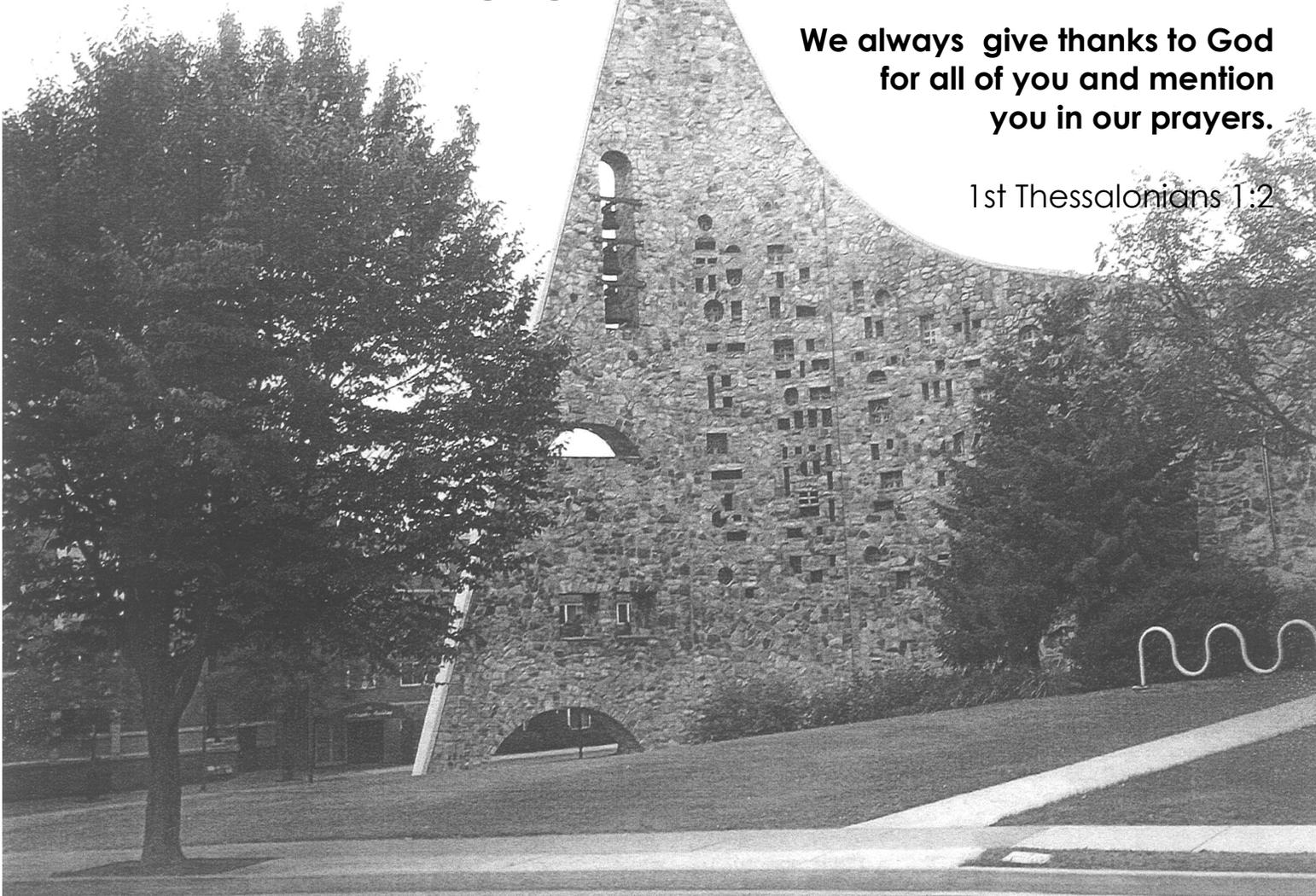


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We always give thanks to God  
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1st Thessalonians 1:2



**SUNDAY, Oct. 18, 2020**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...**In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness. **The Second Lesson:** Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities. **The Gospel Lesson:** After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church State College, Pennsylvania

## PRELUDE

(8:30) *Down by the River/Shall We Gather at the River*.....arr. by Pepper Choplin

(10:30) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....arr. by Robert Hobby

## 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....ELW # 858

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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

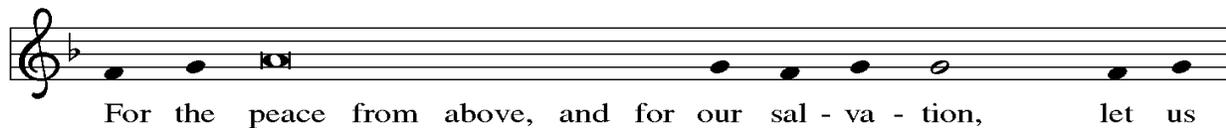
**C:** And also with you.

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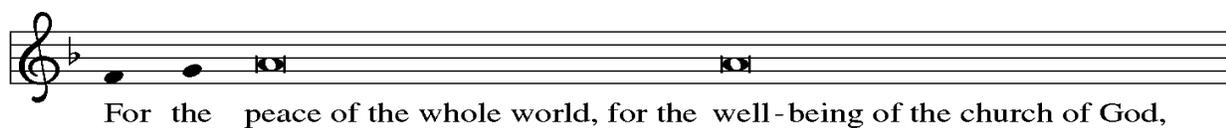
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



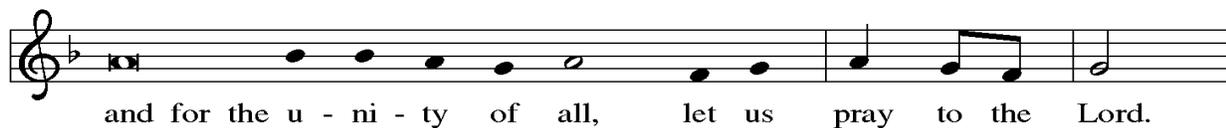
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



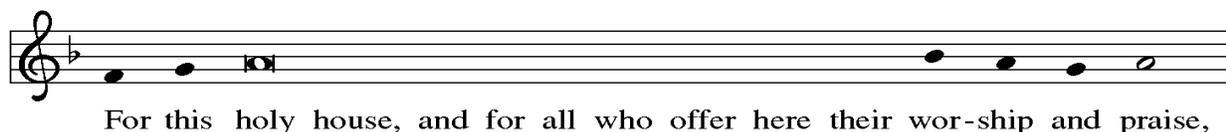
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



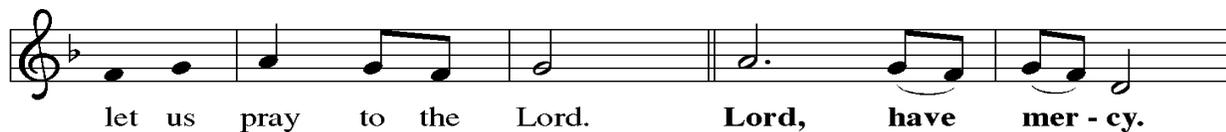
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



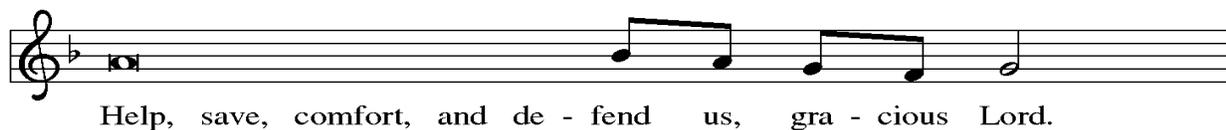
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



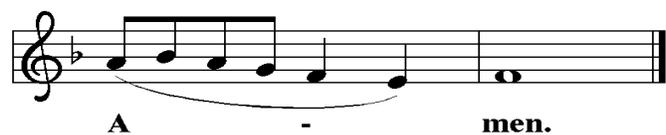
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FEED**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

PSALM 96 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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- P: Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- C: For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods.**
- P: As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- C: Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**
- P: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.
- C: Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from

you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Give Thee but Thine Own*.....ELW # 686

## We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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.**

( 8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Adagio* (from a Voluntary).....John Travers

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that  
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is  
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

**P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our  
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the  
world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:

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.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) **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.

**C:**

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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.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

*You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.*

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*.....arr. Judy East Wells

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(ELW # 207)

**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 - 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.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

**P:** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

**C: Amen.**

(10:30) **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.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

**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.**

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;

na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,

thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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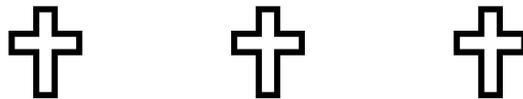
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P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(8:30 & 10:30) *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her*.....Andreas Nikolaus Vetter



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ELW 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own  
ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

## PRAYER CONCERNS for Oct. 18, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
 Deb Baysinger's cousin  
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
 Debbie Bolthouse  
 Mary & Phil Bucher  
 Dennis & Anna Carol Buffington upon the death of their daughter, Melanie Buffington  
 Sandy Cassady  
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart  
 Denise Centini  
 Nancy Chapa  
 Scott Cocolin  
 Carol Confer  
 Cathy Cutter  
 The Cutter family upon the death of Francis Poole Cutter, Les Cutter's grandmother  
 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  
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders

Steve Ellis  
 Craig Evanego  
 Sue Forster & Ellis family upon the death of Sue's mother Eleanor Ellis  
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus  
 Vicki Garvin  
 The family & friends of Michael Grego upon his death  
 Marjorie Haller & family upon the death of Donna Siebenrock, Marjorie's mother  
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will  
 Shawn Hintosh  
 Dick Houtz  
 Bob Igoe  
 Cindy Keith  
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips  
 Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
 Wanetta Lohr  
 Phil & Shirley Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Paul Mackes  
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
 Dennis McClure  
 Danielle McHenry

Kim Marsh  
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Amy Neving  
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe  
 Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling  
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener  
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
 Sophia Reutzel  
 Dottie Roberts  
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
 Ken Shultz  
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
 Brenda & Ken Walsh  
 Greg Weimer  
 Janet Zerbe

**Members in the hospital**  
 June Krumrine



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.*

Ask God to help us provide comfort, support and hope to our neighbors who feel helpless and overwhelmed amid the pandemic, losses, natural disasters, economic struggles and social unrest.

## Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers "Drive-In Worship" each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM, as well as our pre-recorded video worship services.

**Pastors' weekly podcasts** – We invite you to listen to Grace's new podcast, "A Pocketful of Grace," where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, make sure you take along a Pocketful of Grace.

*Pocketful  
of Grace*



PODCAST

**Wednesday Bible Study-** Pastor Hetrick is currently offering a three week study entitled "All Creation Sings," as we celebrate God's beautiful creation in Scripture, music and reflect upon our role as caretakers. A print study guide will be available on our website. Audio and video based recordings will be available on our website and on our Faith Formation website, [www.glcfaithformation.org](http://www.glcfaithformation.org).

## DRIVE IN CAR-NIVAL

DRIVE  
THRU  
CARNIVAL

Today from 4pm-6pm come to the CAR-nival. Think of the carnival games of your youth, but played from the car window. We'll have lots of Games, prizes, and lots of hand sanitizer to be expected. Please enter from Foster Ave or Beaver Ave. and cars will be guided to stations in our Grace Lutheran parking lot. The last station will include some

### Adult Forum

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 am by ZOOM

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

Adult Forum meets virtually, **9:30 - 10:30 AM** (Please note the new time!) Contact Dotty Delafield for link to the virtual meeting: [readooodles@mac.com](mailto:readooodles@mac.com)

**For the month of October, the Adult Forum will be reading the ELCA social statement, Caring for Creation.** We will explore and discuss the Biblical background of our responsibilities for the earth. Intertwined will be the application of these Biblical principles with current climate science. You don't need to have been at earlier sessions to join us! **Please pop in as you are able for learning and conversation.**

Affirmation of Baptism  
and Worship Service

Medlar Field at  
Lubrano Park

Oct. 25, 2020 @ 1 pm



## Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service

Join us next Sunday October 25, 2020 at 1pm at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park for our Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service. All are welcome. Communion will be offered. Come out and support 14 Grace youth as they take the next step in their faith journey.

The October meeting of **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) will be Tuesday, October 20 at 10:45 am remotely via Zoom. Please note the time change. The next book is *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton The facilitator will be Janet Lybarger. Contact Laura Pauley ([llp1@psu.edu](mailto:llp1@psu.edu)) or Lois Lynn [loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net) for more information.

**Masks Needed**-Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at [cwhite@cvim.net](mailto:cwhite@cvim.net) or 814-231-4043.

**Support Grace's Ministry:** Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org) and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with **Tithe.ly** using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.



So many of you have contributed to the Food Bank via Grace.  
*It's what we do, isn't it? It's our response to Jesus' love.*

...COVID-19 goes on...**food insecurity continues**

We'll continue to support the **State College Food Bank** through a monthly monetary donation.

**Checks:** 'Grace Lutheran Church'      Donate via **Tithe.ly** at [glcpa.org](http://glcpa.org).  
'food bank' in the memo line      Click on the 'give'  
205 S. Garner St.      button at the  
State College, PA 16801      top of the page.

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

Matt: 25:37

## Crop Walk Donations

The Crop walk is over but the donations are still being collected.

Donations of cash and checks may be dropped off at the State College Food Bank 1321 S. Atherton Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:00 am to noon. Donations may also be mailed to our Treasurer - Carla Rossi 262 Woodland Dr. State College, PA 16803 (\*\* Please consider converting any cash contributions to a check before dropping off collections. **Please do not mail cash, if mailing donations, please send only checks.**)

All donations need to be made by October 30, 2020



It's time for Grace Lutheran's **Jared Box Collection!** Will you make a box? What is a Jared Box? A Jared Box is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love.

**We will have the plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists available. Pick up yours on Sundays 8:30 – 11:30 and Wednesdays 6:00-7:00. Drop off your boxes at the same times. Dedication Sunday is Nov 22 – bring your shoebox back by then!**

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for this project!



Learn more about The Jared Box Project at: <http://www.thejaredbox.com>

Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or [marilynpeterson5@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpeterson5@gmail.com).

We have started to collect for Blanket Sunday which is October 25, 2020. If you would like to contribute, you can give your donation to the usher at the Drive-In service, mail your check to the church office and place on the memo line "Blanket Sunday" or if you would like a Blanket Sunday envelope please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at ([sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net)) and she will send you an envelope that can be mailed to the church.

**Word in Season devotional booklets available** – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net).

A Council's October 13 meeting, Council elected the following officers for a one-year term: Nick Downs, President; Angie Hardyk, Vice President; Sarah Rodgers, Secretary; and Les Cutter, Treasurer. Council also reappointed Les as Finance Chair. Our congregation is deeply blessed to have such strong and capable leaders! Please join me in congratulating them and thanking them for their service to God and to Grace. Pastor Schul

FLU SHOTS AT GRACE ARE CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, flu shots will **not** be given at the church this year. I would encourage everyone to get their flu shot. You are able to go to any Drug Store, Sam's Club or your own physician's office. You can get your flue shot now, it usually takes about 2 weeks for you to get the optimal effect and it should last through the flu season. Do not put off this important health protection. The last thing we need is Covid-19 and the seasonal Flu.



**Healthy Harvest Speakers Series**

ALSM is excited to share with you our virtual Health Harvest Speakers Series that will feature a variety of guest presenters sharing information on nutrition, safety, and overall well-being.

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Wellness during COVID -19.

Presented by The Rev. Elisa Osman, Chaplain, The Oaks at Pleasant Gap.

October 27<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. What Can I Control or Predict?

Managing the Loss of Routine. Presented by Dr. Bob Skelly, Psychologist/ Program Director SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services

To register, please contact Andrea Schurr at [andrea.schurr@alsm.org](mailto:andrea.schurr@alsm.org) or 814.696.4516. Prior to the presentation, you will receive your log-in information for the virtual session. We look forward to “seeing” you soon!



**Faith 5™**



**SHARE**

a “high” and a “low” – what’s been the best part of your day, and what’s been the hardest part of your day.



**READ**

from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



**TALK**

about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



**PRAY**

with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



**BLESS**

with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

OCTOBER 18, 2020  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*God does great things through people.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is king
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Saturday	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who has chosen you in love, give you grace and peace. (1 Thessalonians 1:1, 4)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Open Your Ears,  
O Faithful People*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have accomplished and are proud of?
- How can God use your efforts—your deeds—for others?
- Is it a surprise that God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus doesn't even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Besides the LORD, there is no god (v. 5). All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. No wonder Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the LORD (v. 1). In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3). As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "work of faith" and "steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 3). How does God's rule on earth give you hope and encourage you to act with love and faith?

Pray: God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

God is the ruler of all of creation and we, God's servants, have responsibility to care for all that God has created. One of the greatest concerns for our world today is to care for the earth that is suffering under the weight of carbon emissions, overflowing landfills and polluted air and water. What can you do to reduce the waste that harms the earth?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think about what the words say about God. Then say: Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name. (vv.1-2a)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)