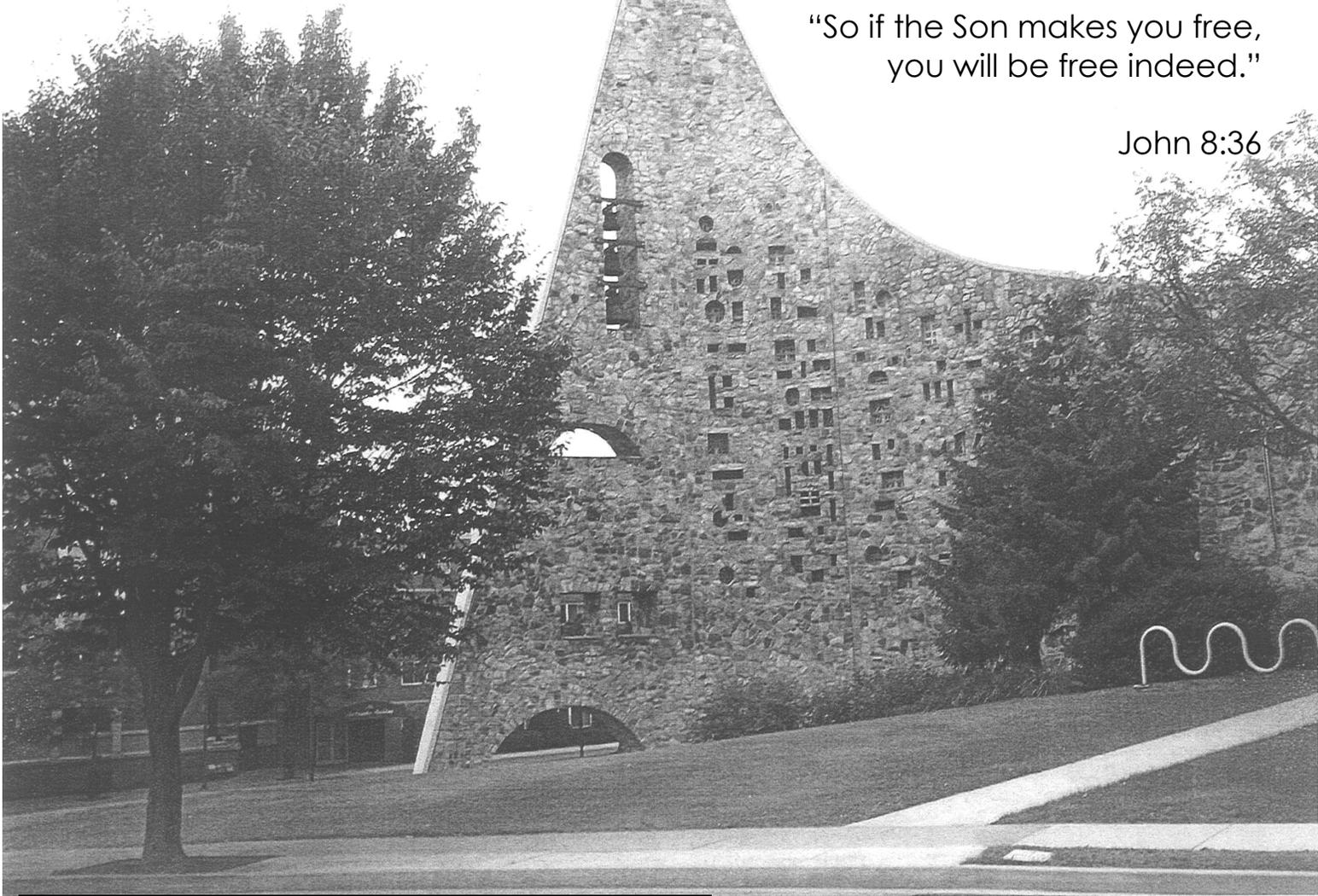


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

"So if the Son makes you free,  
you will be free indeed."

John 8:36



**SUNDAY, October 27, 2019**  
Reformation Sunday  
Blanket and Kit Dedication Sunday

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

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 654**

**#ELW 517**

**#ELW 504**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 590**

**#ELW 510**



**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...** On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets. **The Second Lesson:** Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

#### 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](http://www.glcpc.org)

Thank you for supporting the ministries of  
Grace Lutheran!

↑ = 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 *Built on the Rock*.....Larry Shackley  
William Newcomb, trumpet; June Miller, piano

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↑ 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 *The Church's One Foundation*.....ELW # 654

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: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 MESSAGE .....Jonna Belanger

*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 31:31-34 (pew Bible p. 642)

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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: “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.....Romans 3:19-28 (pew Bible p. 915)

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

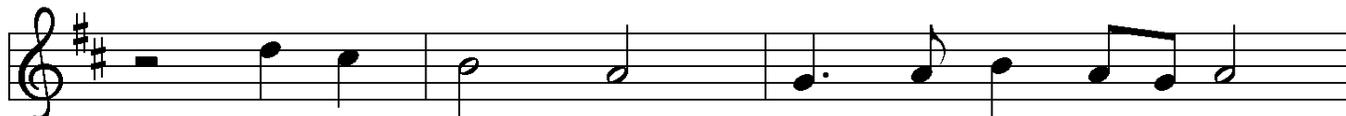
<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.



(9:00) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 151a)



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



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

(9:00) GOSPEL VERSE *If You Continue in My Word*.....Robert Hawkins  
sung by High School students from Crossfire; Laura Pauley, piano

(10:30) *Gospel Acclamation*.....William Stevens  
Adult Choir

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 8:31-36 (pew Bible p. 871)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(9:00) GOSPEL VERSE *If You Continue in My Word*.....Robert Hawkins  
sung by High School students from Crossfire; Laura Pauley, piano

(10:30) *Gospel Acclamation*.....William Stevens  
Adult Choir

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*.....ELW # 517

### 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) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....arr. Cindy Berry  
Sung by Crossfire; William Newcomb, trumpet; Laura Pauley, piano

(10:30) *Give Alms of Thy Goods*.....Christopher Tye  
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

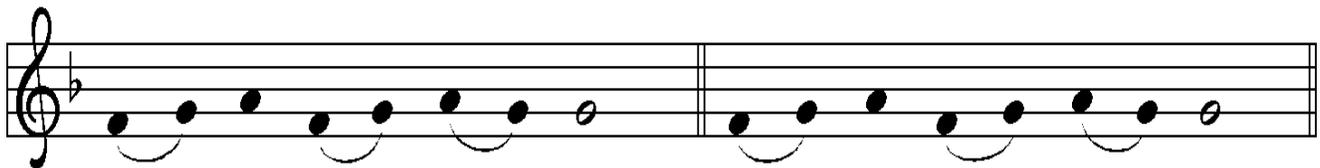
**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

P: God our provider, accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

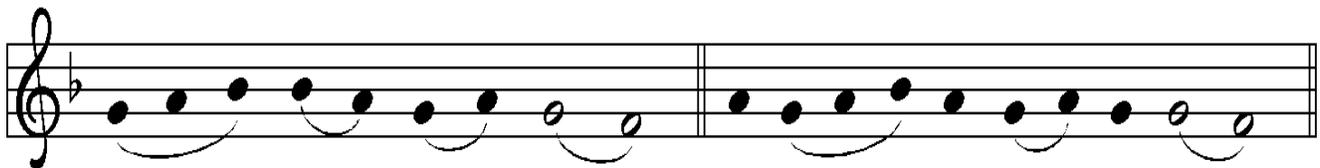
**C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

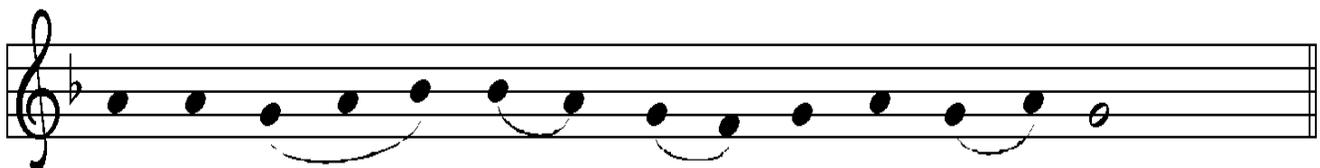
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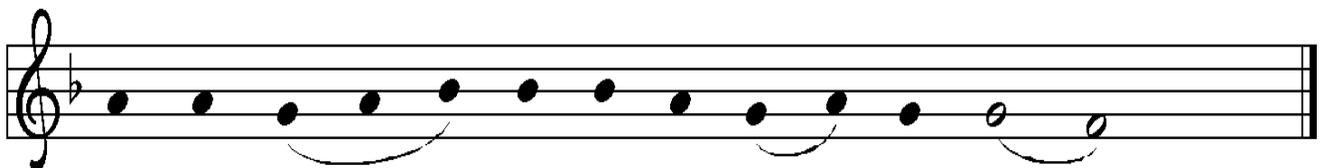
P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.



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. 130)

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 HYMNS**

ELW # 590—*Salvation Unto Us Has Come* Verses 1-4

ELW # 510—*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voi-c-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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....ELW # 504

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....arr. K. Osterland



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- 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, October 27, 2019

**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](mailto:joycearb@comcast.net).

**LECTORS**...The November 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.

### **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](mailto:csmarkusky@glcpa.org) or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

**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.

**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. Interested: Contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**... is Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Dedication Sunday. Lutheran World relief estimates that it costs \$2.25 to deliver one mission quilt overseas and \$1.40 to deliver a school kit. You can help to offset the cost by making a contribution in the envelope available in the pews and marked Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kits. Thank you for helping Grace send love to all corners of the world!

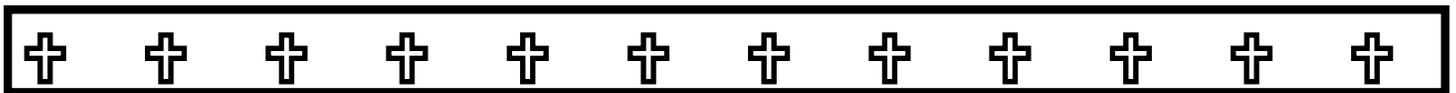
**WANTED: ornaments, nativity sets, decor and food from the Nordic Countries for Advent-Fest** - On Dec. 1, following the 10:30 service, Grace will offer a Smorgasboard with regional foods, music, customs, and displays in Harkins Hall (event ends around 1:45). If you can bring a Nordic dish for the potluck, email Cindy or Peter at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org). If you have ornaments or décor from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland or Iceland that we can display, contact Laurel at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org). All items will be secured, displayed Dec. 1, and taken home afterward or picked up the next week. Watch Nov. Grace Notes and E-Notes for details!

**GRACE IS LOOKING A VOLUNTEER(S)**...to proofread our newsletter, Grace Notes. If you are skilled in this area and have a couple of hours at the end of every month to share, please contact Brenda Palmgren at [bpalmgren@glcpa.org](mailto:bpalmgren@glcpa.org).

**REMINDER**...next week is Food Bank Sunday. There will be a table set up in the Narthex for your donations.

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, October 27, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Dennis Snider	Angie Hardyk	Barbara Vogler
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Reinert	Joann McCormick Michael Conron	Ellen, Jim & Matthew Campbell Carolyn Fishburn
<b>Acolytes</b>		Caitlin Knowles Fiona Knowles	Lincoln Hockenberry Emilio Schul
<b>Deacons</b>	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Lois & Bob Voigt
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Betsy Hunter	Josh Wert
<b>Ushers</b>		Dan Bright Del Bright Ron Smith	Harold Cassady Pete Forster Kurt Gibble Jeya Chandra Dave Heatwole
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Wayne Pauley
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by the Rachel & Lester Griel  
dedicated in celebration of our wedding anniversary

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Deana & Don Coine  
dedicated in memory of Don's grandparents Elwood & Mary Hipple

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored Helen & Dick Brenneman  
dedicated to the Glory of God

## PRAYER CONCERNS for October 27, 2019

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving  
in war-torn countries  
Susan Antle  
Kip Barnett, friend of  
Ted & Jennifer Oyler  
Debbie Bolthouse  
Don Burris  
Scott Cocolin  
Damaris Dougherty, daughter of  
Bob Hampton  
Mark Doyle, friend of  
Paul & Sandy Larson  
Patrick Dugan, grandson of  
Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
Steve Ellis  
The family of Ruth Etters upon  
her death  
Sharyn Everhart  
Norma Flanagan, mother of  
Jim Flanagan  
Vicki Garvin  
Elaine Gotham, friend of  
Leslie Wagner  
Herb Graves  
Dick Houtz  
Chris Kohlhepp, friend of  
Sally & Carl

Donna Kondash, friend of  
Deana & Don Coine  
Larry Kuhns  
Phil Lucas  
Aaron Lyon, nephew of  
Sue & Pete Forster  
Mardi McDonough  
Danielle McHenry  
Bob Miller, father of  
Julie Miller  
Jo Anne Miller  
The O'Donnell family upon the  
death of Lori's mother Jean  
Warneka  
Margie Prothro, sister of  
Ed Jenkins  
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  
Paul Spearly

Jack Sylves and family and  
grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
Christopher Ta  
Marcile Tressler  
Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen  
and Dick Brenneman  
Karen Tupman, cousin of  
Phyllis Favorite  
Fonda, mother of Phyllis  
Verderame  
Ken Vermillion  
Roxanne Vermillion  
Stephanie & Jonathan, children of  
Ken and Roxanne Vermillion  
Leslie Wagner  
Brenda Walsh  
Marie & Ross Weimer, parents of  
Greg Weimer  
Ash Woskob

### Members in the hospital

Gladys Carlson



### 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 Anne Stearns.**



*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.*

As we mark Blanket and Kit Dedication Sunday today, please pray that every person who receives a quilt or kit will experience the joyful peace and assurance of God's love and our love.



## Super Wednesday Meal on October 30th *Chili with the 'fixins', Cornbread, Salad & Dessert*

### Super Wednesday Schedule:

- 11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Women of the Reformation led by Pastor Hetrick
- 5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203
- 5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5)  
Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can choose either choir
- 5:30-6:15 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, Women of the Reformation led by Pastor Hetrick
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**The Re:Formers** (5th-8th grades), HH Stage
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**Kid's Club**, Miller Center
- 7:30-9:00 pm —**Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

## 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](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org).

**News from the Allegheny Synod:** You're invited to attend the Allegheny Synod Lay Worship Leader Authorization Service being held on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Martinsburg. Two new leaders, David Klavuhn from Moxham Lutheran and Bob Johnson from Trinity, Altoona, will be authorized. Please join us for this celebration of ministry. A reception will follow worship.

**Copies of Bishop Rhyne's Reformation message are available at the Welcome Center.**



## It's time for Jared Boxes!

It's time for Jared Boxes! Plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists are available in the Narthex. Return your completed box on or before November 24. Help us reach our goal of collecting 200 boxes!

Jared Boxes provide a calming diversion for young patients in the hospital for medical treatments. A box of simple toys is the best medicine! To make a Jared Box, fill a plastic storage box with small toys, games, and fun activities, selected for a specific age and gender. Bring it back to Grace and we will deliver it to a local hospital!

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for this project!  
Learn more about Jared's story and The Jared Box Project at:



<http://www.thejaredbox.com> and follow on Facebook at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=the%20jared%20box%20project>. It's worth taking a look to see the wonderful stories.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or [marilypeterson5@gmail.com](mailto:marilypeterson5@gmail.com).

## Adult Forum

Adult Forum meets in Fireside Room each Sunday at 9 AM

### Film Series: "White Savior: Racism in the American Church"

Mark your calendars for the 3 week film series beginning October 27. The 2008 election of Barack Obama led many to believe we had entered a post-racial America, one in which the nation's traumatic and painful history of racism had finally been erased. In the years since, it's become increasingly clear that the deep roots of racism and white supremacy continue to run through our political, cultural, and religious institutions.

Based on interviews and current research, the documentary film White Savior explores the historical relationship between racism and American Christianity, the ongoing segregation of the church in the US, and the complexities of racial reconciliation.

Featuring interviews with Lenny Duncan, Soong Chan Rah, Jacqueline Woodson, Jim Bear Jacobs, Dominique Gilliard, and more.

Please join us for learning, reflection and conversation.

## The Opioid Crisis: Seeking a Faithful Response

Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary

November 8-9, 2019 Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Event registration \$75.00 Optional \$10.00 on-campus lunch on Friday

The Opioid Epidemic is something that touches all of our ministries. This Symposium will offer opportunity to learn about addiction, how to be a pastoral presence for those experiencing addiction and their loved ones. Opportunity for discussion around shared pastoral care and ministry programming planning will help shape ministry with those touched by opioid addiction.

Presenters:

Grace Member **Jason Whitney**, Program Coordinator and co-founder of the Penn State Collegiate Recovery Community and an assistant teaching professor in the College of Education.

**Angela Cook**, a recovery advocate and speaker and Outreach Coordinator for Medard's House, a faith-based Children's Community Center in New Cumberland.

**Dr. John Largen, Rev. Joel Richter, Dr. Bob Skelly, Dr. Patricia Savage, Mrs. Barb Debski, Dr. Eric Crump, and Bishop Matthew Riegel**

Workshop Topics: Pastoral Care, Social Ministry, and Theological Response.

For more information and registration:

[www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/lifelong-learning](http://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/lifelong-learning)The Opioid Crisis:

## Christmas Cards for Inmates



Join with Grace and make a Christmas card.

Pick up a card and instructions in the Upper Commons.

Please return cards by **Sunday, November 17, 2019.**



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Sue Forster at [sforster@cvim.net](mailto:sforster@cvim.net)

**IHS – Strengthening families through financial stability.**



*This Week  
At Grace*

**Sunday, Oct. 27  
Reformation & Blanket Sunday**

- 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
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Setup & rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**Monday, Oct. 28  
No scheduled church activities**

**Tuesday, Oct. 29**

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 11:00 a.m.....Congregational Care Meeting, Library

**Wednesday, Oct. 30  
Bulletin Announcements due at 3 PM**

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
- 5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Rm 203
- 5:00 p.m.....Sing & Ring, Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Meal, Harkins Hall
- 6:15 p.m.....Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
- 6:15 p.m.....ReFormers, Miller Center
- 6:15 p.m.....Kid's Club, Miller Center
- 6:15 p.m.....Holy Communion Instruction, Library
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, Oct. 31**

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

**Friday, Nov. 1  
No scheduled church activities**

**Saturday, Nov. 2  
No scheduled church activities**