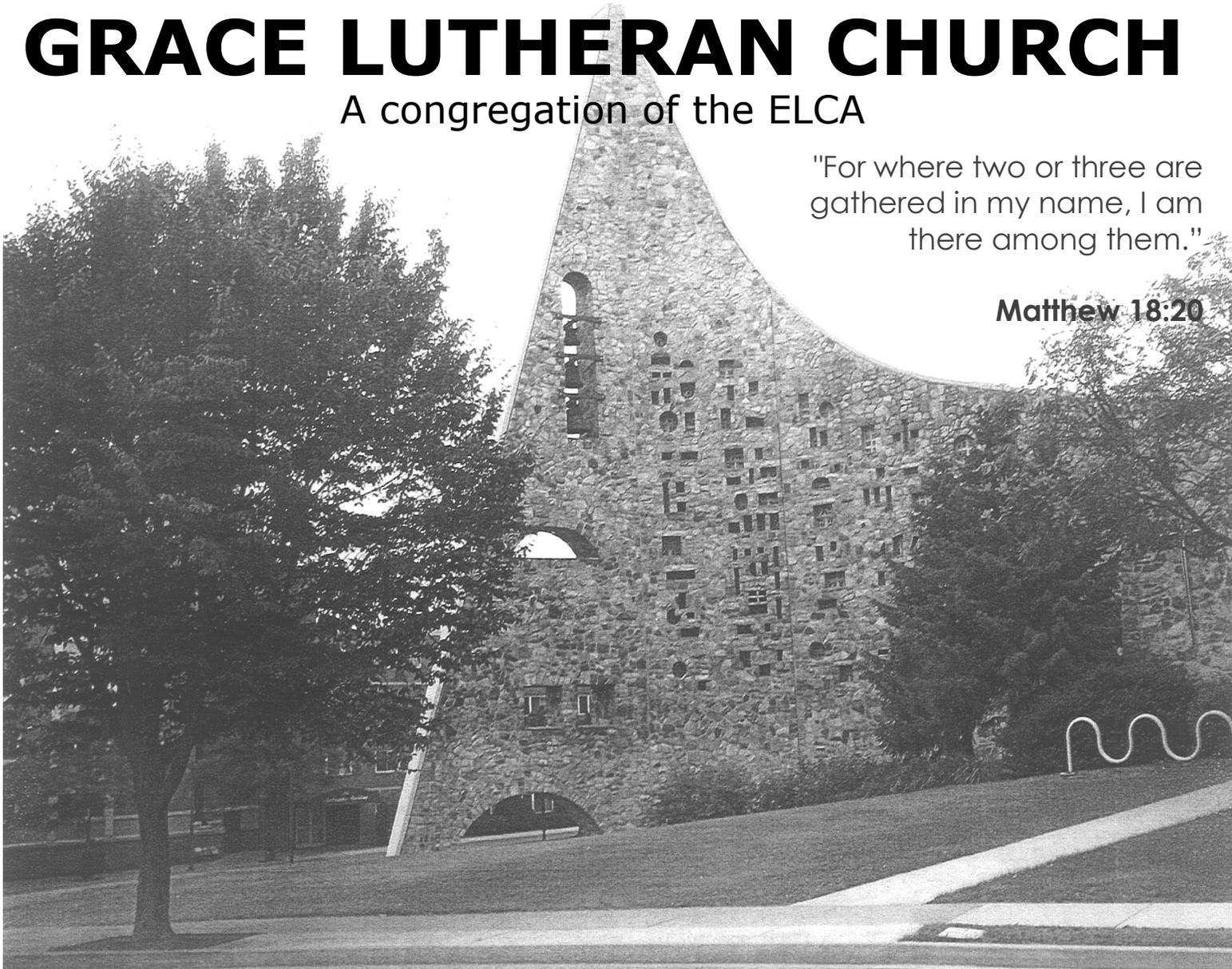


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20



SUNDAY, Sept. 6, 2020
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Our Mission Statement: *"Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."*

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME....Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary. **The Second Lesson:** The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE

(8:30) *For the Beauty of the Earth*.....Dix/ arr. Mark Hayes
(10:30) *Allegro*.....Thomas Arne

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Congregation: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

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

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

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

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

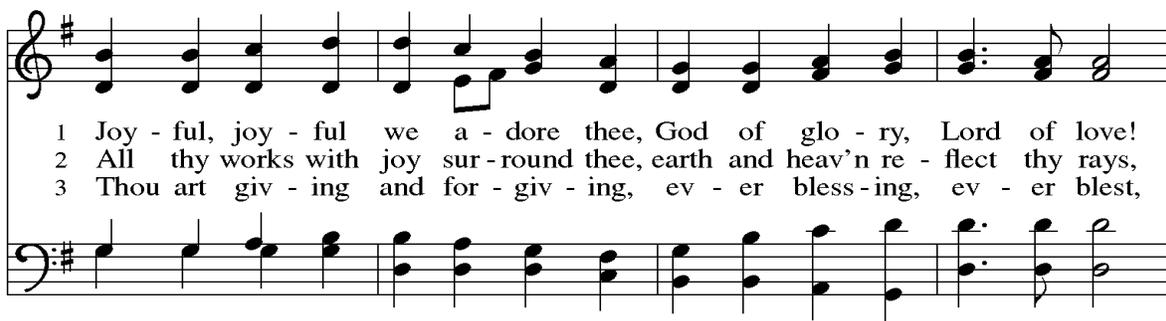
C: Amen.

GATHER

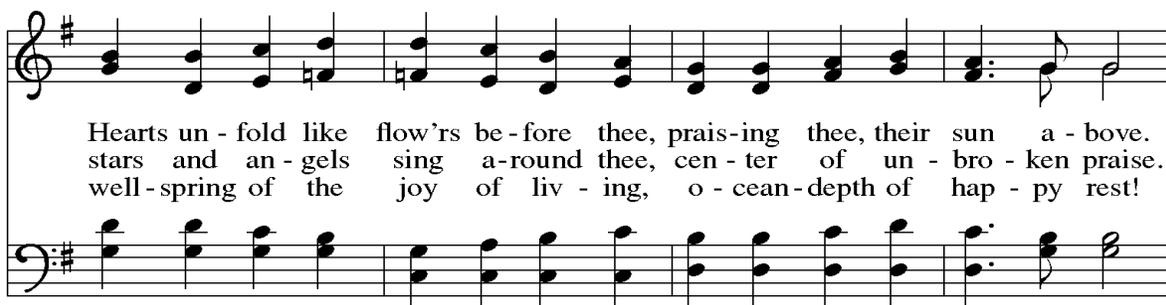
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.....ELW # 834

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149)

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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



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



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



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

Final refrain



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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.*

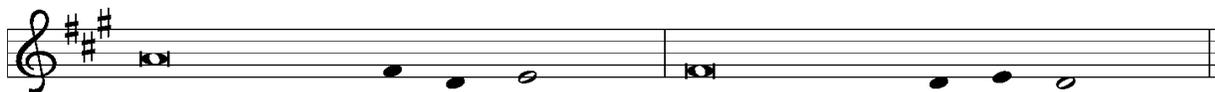
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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P: Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

C: Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

P: Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

C: Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.

P: Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

C: Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live hon-

orably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds are Broken*.....ELW # 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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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

Diapason Movement (from a voluntary).....Maurice Greene

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 14

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of our 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 your own 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.

For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(8:30)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.**

(8:30) **C:**

(ELW p. 154)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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

Andante from Sonatina Op. 25 No. 4.....Muzio Clementi

(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

C:

(ELW # 207)

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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.

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(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

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

(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.

HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.....ELW # 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn's lyrics. The second system contains the final three lines of the lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and melodic lines.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Siciliano*.....John Alcock



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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 Sept. 6, 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
 Melanie Buffington
 Sandy Cassady
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 Scott Cocolin
 Carol Confer
 Cathy Cutter
 William Davies
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 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
 The family of Helen Evans, upon her death
 Craig Evanego

Patti Fisher
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 Michael Grego, friend of the Horn family
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 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
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh
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 Amy Nevling
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe

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 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
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 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Ash Woskob
 Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital
 Dennis McClure



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- On this Labor Day weekend:
 Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

September 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.

Today we are grateful to receive the following new members into Grace:

Katy and Alex Cassell;
Krista and Devin Pennebaker;
Katy and Andrew Stager and their children Nora, Nelson, Noel, and Nanette; and
Lauren and Andrew Weigold and their son Andrew.

In the October issue of Grace Notes we will share brief biographies and photos of these four wonderful families to help you welcome and connect with them. We are grateful that Jesus has drawn them to Grace Lutheran!

Confirmation Classes, Confirmation to Go today 7:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran porch

With Covid 19 changing the way we do most everything, we have altered our Confirmation format. Until it is possible to safely resume in-person classes, confirmation will be more of a stop 'n go process. Stop by the front porch (near the angel stained-glass windows) for monthly instructions. We recognize that many of us are overwhelmed and challenged with demands and worries of school, work, activities, and daily routines. Each month there will be a lesson on Generosity and a family service project. The hope is this material can be completed independently with minimal computer usage. At the next meeting time, we ask youth to return the completed materials: packets and when possible, the service project (August's school kit for LWR).



Sept. 13, 2020 WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN At Tussey in Boalsburg

- **Activities** for children, youth, and adults of all ages beginning at 1p.m. See page 24 for more information.
- **Outdoor Worship Service** Following the activities, worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. We will all gather in our cars for "drive-in" style worship as the pastors and Psalm 151 provide worship from the ski lodge balcony. **Unfortunately, due to pandemic risks, there will not be a congregational picnic.**



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.
'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

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1 pm



Grace Lutheran's annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 20 at 1 pm**. Because of the pandemic, no lunch will be provided. We will conduct the meeting from the **Miller Center**. Accordingly, please enter through the Miller Center doors. In recognition of the need for physical distancing, and to ensure that there is enough space for everyone who wants to attend, we will offer overflow seating in the **Stinson Library** and **Fireside Room**. Members in those locations will be able to watch the presentation via monitors, ask questions, and are eligible to vote. In addition, upon request we will make the **Zoom link** securely available to folks at home so that you can see the presentation and, via the chat function, ask questions. So long as you are participating with us in "real time" we will consider you present and hence permitted to vote. We believe this is a reasonable accommodation to our present circumstances and hope it encourages increased participation in the meeting. The **purpose** of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the proposed budget for 2020-2021, and to begin the voting process to **elect** three new council members.

2019-2020 Annual Reports Available

Beginning on Monday, September 7, printed copies of Grace's 2019-2020 Annual Report will be available for pickup outside the main entrance. Please refrain from entering the building for the benefit of Meals on Wheels. Printed copies will also be available to members upon request at drive-in worship services. If you instead wish to receive a copy of the report as an electronic PDF form, you may request one by emailing srider@glcpa.org.

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PODCAST

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.

The September meeting of Garden of Readin' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, September 15 at 10:45 am remotely via Zoom. Please note the time change. The next book is *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson. The facilitator will be Susan Hirth. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more information.

The Naomi Circle of Women of Grace invites you to join them in replenishing the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits that were destroyed in the explosion in Beirut. Please contact Carolyn Fishburn (cxf1@psu.edu or 238-3907) or see September Grace Notes for instructions.



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 and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://www.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.

IHS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Interfaith Human Services on-line auction, Community Care Auction by IHS will run from September 14th at midnight to September 30th at 10 pm. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Fundraising Committee at IHS has had to get creative to raise funds during this time when our programs are needed more than ever. If you could help by donating to the auction we would be truly grateful. Ideas include:

- Gift cards from local restaurants, bookstores, Penn State stores
- Putting together a basket of items such as baby gifts, doggie items, kitchen towels and utensils, religious items, tailgate items
- Quilts or other homemade items

Other ideas??? These items can be put together individually or maybe maybe you would want to make it a project for your book club or other groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com to donate or with any questions. Our goal is to have all items received by September 9th.

State College Virtual CROP Hunger Walk Oct. 11-17-2020

The 37th State College CROP Walk will be virtual for everyone's safety.

Our Virtual Walk kicks off on Sun., Oct. 11th.

Register at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/>
or visit the S.C. CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page.

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

***Last year we raised almost \$20,000. In the 34 years of this walk we have raised over \$620,000! This is helping our friends and neighbors, as well as people we have not had the opportunity to yet meet. ***



Lutheran Disaster Response
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

**The September Bucket Collection:
 Lutheran Disaster Response**

The natural disasters just keep on coming.

We have worked as a church so often to relieve the suffering others. Your gift, however small or large, matters because it demonstrates your response to God's love. It is our combined gift that makes a difference! Here is a partial list of the work of LDR: COVID-19, Hurricane Response, US Tornado, Flood, and Wildfire Response, South Sudan Relief, Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis, and AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors.

Give via Tithely, by check (205 S. Garner St 16801), or cash. Envelopes for cash donations will be available at worship services in September, including our Tussey Mountain worship service.

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 or 814-231-4043.

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for July/August/September, 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.



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

Calling New Drivers

Getting your driver's license is a significant milestone worth recognition! Please come to receive a new keychain and a blessing at the Tussey Mountain worship service: Sunday, September 13, at 3 pm. The keychain is a daily reminder of the love and protection you receive from God and this community.

Milestone Ministries

Milestone Ministry: 2nd & 6th Graders to receive Bibles

If you have a 2nd or a 6th grader, mark your calendar; Sunday, September 13th we will celebrate a Bible Milestone at both the 8:30 am (drive-in style) worship service in the Grace Lutheran parking lot and at the 3:00 pm at our Tussey Mountain worship service. Sixth-grade youth will use this Bible for Confirmation class. If you are need of a Bible, please come forward on that day to receive an appropriate age Bible. If you are unable to attend that day, contact Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn at faithformation@glcpa.org to make sure we set one aside for you.



Family Fun at the Mountain: Family Event Kick-Off

The fun at Tussey Mountain is on! Family Fun at the Mountain is a full family event. As to minimize contact tracing we ask, as much as possible, to remain in family units. Sunday, September 13th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Tussey Mountain has prepared their outdoor activities for socially distanced fun. the Family Fun at the Mountain is a full family event so come and stay in your family unit, or something like that. At a cost, not to exceed \$40 per family or \$10 per person, you can enjoy the par-three golf course, mini-golf, batting cages, driving range, and skate park (bring your skateboard, skates or bike) as well as the go-karts. Following the family activities, worship will begin at 3:00 pm in the parking lot. Using the FM transmitter, we the service, including Psalm 151, will broadcast live from the ski lodge to your car, “drive-in movie style.” We can’t wait to see you for fun and fellowship on the Mountain!



Faith 5^{GM}



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.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Christians seek reconciliation with other Christians.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Exodus 12:1-14	The first Passover
Thursday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Love fulfills the law
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, teach us your ways that we may live together in peace and see Jesus in the face of others. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, in the midst of violent storms and droughts we encounter in the world, we thank you for this gift of food and for those who have brought it to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus strengthen you to love your neighbor and be at peace with all.



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Forgive Our Sins
As We Forgive*

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:

- Think or tell about a time you felt badly treated by another individual or a group.
- What makes it hard to openly face conflict with someone?
- For Jesus and the church, we are to pursue others with love and grace. Does knowing this help you to resolve differences with others? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:15-20.

All relationships experience conflict, even in the church. Jesus is aware of this and lays out a plan of action: out of love, be direct. It is the way of life of the people of God announced by Paul in Romans 13:10: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Being right is not good enough. Having your own way is not good enough. Be loving, be merciful, and pursue what is right; face conflict through a personal conversation to resolve the issue. But if the person who has hurt you does not repent, this is not an excuse to treat them badly. Treat them as Jesus would treat a Gentile or tax collector. He pursued them with his love. Jesus is present in all our relationships, even the stressful ones (v. 20). We are to seek them out with love and mercy. When have you been wronged by the harsh treatment of another? Did you face it directly with the other person to resolve it? Did you treat them as Jesus would? Explain.

Pray: Lord Jesus, when I am with others, remind me that you are present strengthening us to love one another anew each day. Amen.

SERVICE

"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9b) sums up the commandments. Who is your neighbor? It may be the person next door or someone in the community. Loving others, even when they are different from you, fulfills the law and motivates us to action. How does knowing this motivate you to show love to a neighbor?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Next Sunday is the beginning of a new Christian education year for many congregations. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word. Pray for all teachers and students involved in Christian education and mention those you can by name. Conclude with: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen.



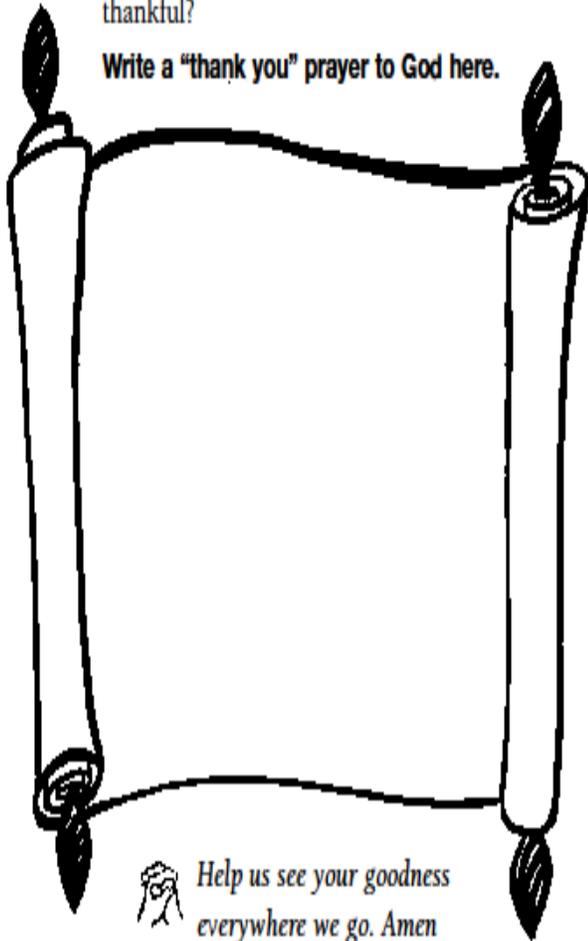
In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Send

Thanks be to God

We are thankful for all good things God does and gives. For what are you most thankful?

Write a "thank you" prayer to God here.



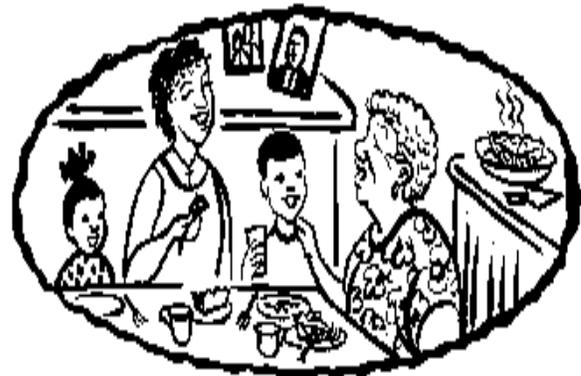
This week

Make a long list of the many ways everyone in your home sees God's presence.

Kids
Celebrate
Lectionary 14

gather

Welcome to worship. God is good! We see, touch, taste, smell, and hear God's goodness at home, at church—everywhere. God is good in every way.



hear & celebrate

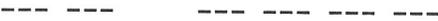
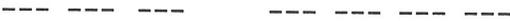
Finding rest

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus knew it could be tiring and even discouraging to follow in God's way. So he told his disciples to come to him to find rest. We are invited to come to Jesus when we pray.

Psalm 145 is a song of praise. Use the code to discover the message in verse 9.

A symbol is a picture that reminds you of something you've learned. Look around you. Do you see a cross? What other symbols from the word puzzle do you see in your worship space? Draw them here.



A =  G =  L =  S = 
 D =  H =  O =  T = 
 E =  I =  R = 



How do these symbols remind us that God is good?

