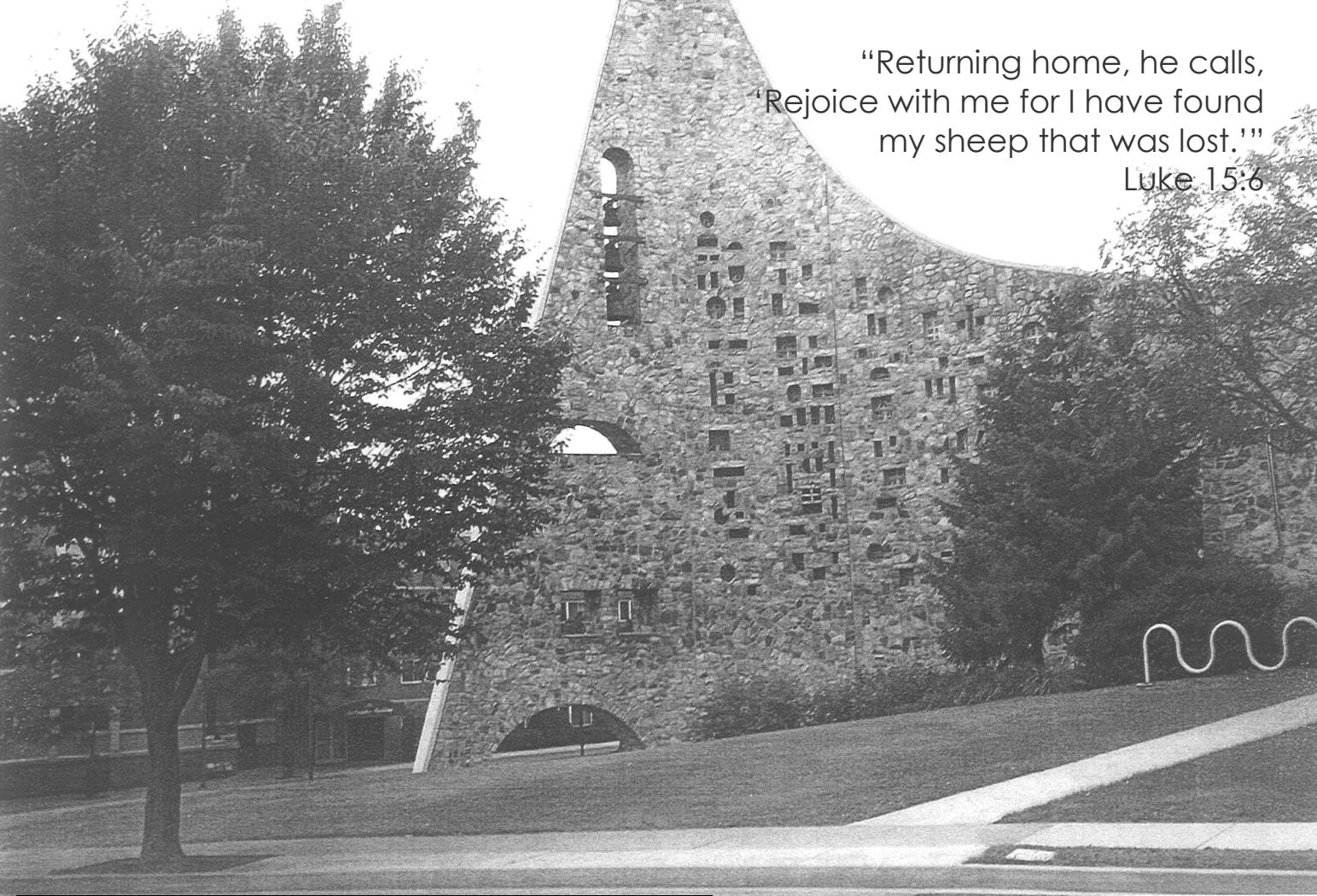


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



"Returning home, he calls,  
'Rejoice with me for I have found  
my sheep that was lost.'"  
Luke 15:6

**SUNDAY, September 15, 2019**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 842**

**#ELW 789**

**#ELW 807**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 502**

**#ELW 608**



**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...** The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them. **The Second Lesson:** The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God. . **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Grace Lutheran!

↑= Please stand as you are able  
↓=Please be seated

#### Follow Grace on Social Media

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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.

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

## PRELUDE

*Now Thank We all Our God "Nun Danket"*..... Johann Crueger (arr. Mark Kellner)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### (10:30) BIBLE MILESTONE

### CONFESSON 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 *Oh, Worship the King*.....ELW # 842

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.**

## KYRIE

(ELW p. 120)

Musical notation for the first stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy."

Musical notation for the second stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

Musical notation for the third stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the fourth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Musical notation for the fifth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Musical notation for the sixth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the seventh stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

Musical notation for the eighth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the ninth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of two measures. The lyrics are: "Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

Musical notation for the tenth stanza of Kyrie. The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of one measure. The lyrics are: "A - men."

## HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 122)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia,  
alleluia,  
alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be people 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 victory for our God.  
Alleluia,  
alleluia,  
alleluia.

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 victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia,  
alleluia,  
alleluia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FEED

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

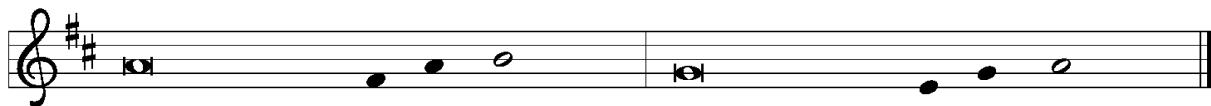
↓ (10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Megan Stoltzfus  
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

FIRST LESSON.....Exodus 32:7-14 (pew Bible p. 69)

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

PSALM 51—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

C: **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

P: Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

C: **Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

P: Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

C: **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Timothy 1:12-17 (pew Bible p. 963)

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 124)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 15:1-10 (pew Bible p. 850)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*.....ELW # 789

(10:30) HOLY BAPTISM.....ELW # 227

## APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

## WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## OFFERTORY

↓ (9:00) *Beautiful Saviour (Schönster Herr Jesu)* Silesian folk tune /arr. David Cherwien  
Ryan Ditmer, organ

(10:30) *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* .....Richard Farrant  
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

(ELW p. 129)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'The Lord be with you'. The notation consists of two measures of music in common time, treble clef, and four-line staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.' are written below the staff.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'Lift up your hearts'. The notation consists of two measures of music in common time, treble clef, and four-line staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.' are written below the staff.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God'. The notation consists of two measures of music in common time, treble clef, and four-line staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are written below the staff.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'It is right to give our thanks and praise'. The notation consists of two measures of music in common time, treble clef, and four-line staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.' are written below the staff.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
C: (ELW p. 130)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pair. The second staff starts with a quarter note, followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pair. The third staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pair. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pair.

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 (9:00) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*.....David Cherwien  
Laurel Sanders, flute; Ryan Ditmer, organ

ELW # 502 -- *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW # 608 -- *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

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

C: **Amen.**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giving. 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ..... ELW # 807

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet (O Lord We Praise You)* ..... H. Scheidemann



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Joan Kovalchik ..... Flute

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The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn ..... Pastor Emeritus

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# Grace Lutheran

## Announcements for the Week of Sunday, September 15, 2019

**BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT**... In Baptism we are adopted by God and gifted with both His promise and His Spirit. Just such a moment comes today at our 10:30 A.M. service, when Isla Grace Jeanmenne, born January 21, 2019, daughter of Patrick & Karen Jeanmenne, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Charlotte Grace into the Lord's family, a fellow member with us of the body of Christ, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

**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 October 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!

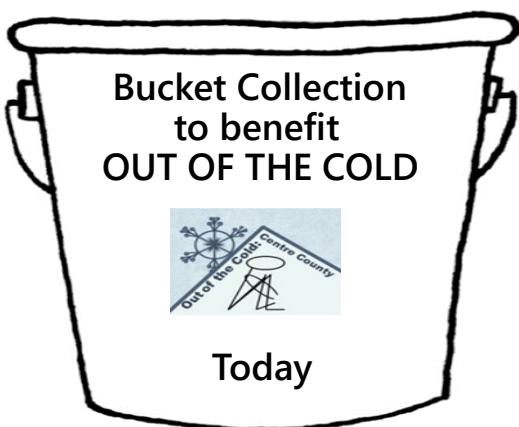
The September selection for **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the selection of Lois Lynn and she will be facilitating the discussions, Tuesday, September 17, at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

**MEN'S BOOK CLUB**... will meet Sept 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss the book "*Hatchet*" by Gary Paulsen.

**EACH YEAR, OUR DENOMINATION, THE ELCA**, encourages us to come together to as the church to serve the world on "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday." Our Nittany Conference ELC A congregations will be banding together for an all-ages event **TODAY at the Oaks in Pleasant Gap at 2:30 pm**. Our young ones will learn a song to share with residents followed by a craft time with them. The day will also include outdoor cleanup work and indoor serving for those who work best indoors. Our time will conclude at 4:30 pm. In order to create a unified appearance, please wear bright yellow that day! Sign up is not necessary but helps us plan. Please use the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or email Pastor Hetrick at [pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpa.org).

**BABY CARE KITS**... are being collected for Lutheran World Relief. There is a basket in the Narthex and sheet that provide instructions for what is needed.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**...Old Friends/Homebounders worship followed by a luncheon on Oct 17th. Worship will begin at 11:00 am. Please contact Linda Schul (814) 954-4195, Gerry Slear (814) 424-7610 or the church office at 814-238-2478 if you have questions or are planning on attending.



**Ways to donate:**  
Cash, check, or online via Tithely  
Won't be in church on the 15<sup>th</sup>?  
No worries.  
Donate any time this month via the  
collection plate or online.

*Thank you!*

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, September 15, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Julie Miller	Chuck & Susan Martin	Ellen Campbell
<b>Greeters</b>	Kay Weigand	Karen & Mark Mrsa Michael Conron	Alice & Bob Griffin Leslie Elder
<b>Acolytes</b>		Emilio Schul Ben Seaton	Lincoln Hockenberry Regan Houseknecht
<b>Deacons</b>	Michael Verdelame	John Diercks Rachel Wolkenhauer	John & Brenda Palmgren
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Laurel Sanders	Sarah Rodgers
<b>Ushers</b>		David Lee Bob Byers John Miller III Lisa & Marty Wiedemer	Al Fiscus Helen Brenneman Deb Lux Ken Shafranko Beth Shafranko
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Richard Brenneman
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>		Joann McCormick	Barbara Fiscus



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Helen & Dick Brenneman  
dedicated to the Glory of God

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Helen & Dick Brenneman  
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Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored Joyce Sipple  
dedicated in memory of Bill & Scott Sipple

## PRAYER CONCERNS for September 15, 2019

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
Susan Antle  
Scott Cocolin  
Emma Jean Cole  
Mark Doyle, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
John Fisher  
Norma Flanagan, mother of Jim Flanagan  
Kyoko Fujisawa, sister of Hiroshi Ohmoto  
Vicki Garvin  
Elaine Gotham, friend of Leslie Wagner  
Herb Graves  
Dick Houtz  
Fiona Knowles  
Chris Kohlhepp, friend of Sally & Carl  
Larry Kuhns  
Phil Lucas

Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster  
Mardi McDonough  
Danielle McHenry  
Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
Jo Anne Miller  
Chuck Noel  
Dottie Roberts  
Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
John Shinham, friend of Sandy & Paul Larson  
Ken Shultz  
William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
Paul Spearly, uncle of Sheri Rider

Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
Christopher Ta  
Tracy, friend of Carl Bankert & Sally Keiser-Banert  
Marcile Tressler  
Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
Ken Vermillion  
Roxanne Vermillion  
Stephanie & Jonathan, children of Ken and Roxanne Vermillion  
Leslie Wagner  
Brenda Walsh  
Sue Washburn, in-law of Tom Drake  
Marie Weimer, mother of Greg & Kathy Weimer  
Ash Woskob

### Members in the hospital



### 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 Leslie Wagner.

*PrayWithoutCeasing.org*

*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.*

September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. We know in many ways, suicide affects more people than want to speak of it. God's call is to help bear one another's burdens.

**Loving God, you promise that we are never beyond your mercy and compassion. Lift up all who struggle, support all who offer care, and remind us there is no limit to how far you will go to love us. Amen.**

# **Super Wednesday Meal on September 18th**

***Pepper Steak with Rice Pilaf,  
Vegetable & Dessert***

## **Super Wednesday Schedule:**

- 11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, The Beatitudes led by Pastor Schul
- 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**, The Beatitudes led by Pastor Schul
- 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

### **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:



# Sunday School begins Today 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).

## Volunteers for Mentor Program with Penn State Students

In partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry, Grace Lutheran is looking to connect Grace members with Penn State students who share common academic or professional interests. We need people who are willing to spend time with students, listen to their struggles and joys, and walk with them through the questions and challenges of their studies. You don't have to be an expert, just someone willing to make connections and share your experiences, too. Interested persons can fill out an information form, available online at <https://bit.ly/2JHeKBP> or in the church office. Please submit your form by Wednesday, October 2nd. An orientation session and a lunch with all the mentor pairs is planned. For more details contact Deacon Alicia Anderson at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu).

## Adult Forum

*Sundays 9-10 AM in Fireside Room BEHIND THE LECTORYNARY*

Each week we will hear a set of texts read from the lectern and see how we can use those texts to guide us each week. For September we will focus on 1 Timothy, a letter from Paul directed to an individual rather than a whole church.

Sept. 22 — 1Timothy 2:1-7

Sept. 29 — 1Timothy 6:6-19

*Join us for reading, study and conversation.*

## *Handbells ring praises to our Lord!*

**The Bells of Grace** handbell choir is seeking two ringers—teens, college students, or adults--to complete our roster for the fall 2019 season of ringing. We rehearse in the sanctuary on Sundays, following the 10:30 AM service. Requirements: Ability to read music, and a sense of humor helps. Our first rehearsal this fall will be Sunday, Sept. 15 in the sanctuary at 11:45 AM. Come join us as we ring praises to the Lord! Contact Anna Carol Buffington, Director of the Bells of Grace, at 814-531-4242



# CROP Walk

Volunteers needed from 9/22 through 10/13 to staff CROP information table – Please consider volunteering at the CROP WALK information table for one or more 15-minute slots on Sundays from September 22 through October 13 to collect sign-ups, payments, and answer questions. (CROP Walk information will be provided.) To sign up to help on a Sunday, please visit <https://signup.com/go/inRvwVz> or contact Leslie Wagner at [lwagner2007@gmail.com](mailto:lwagner2007@gmail.com). Grace will also provide coin banks again this year to collect money for the CROP WALK. Banks are in a basket in the Upper Commons.

## 2019 Flu Shot Sunday

On October 13, 2019 the Congregational Care Team is sponsoring a flu shot clinic conducted by Centre Home Care. It will be held in the church office between 8:30 am and 10:30 am. At this time the cost is \$35.00, but this will depend on the cost of the serum when it arrives. Medicare, Geisinger Gold and Humana will be accepted, if you do not have one of these types of insurance plans, the flu shot will not be covered and you will need to pay out of pocket. You must be 18 years old. For more information call Susan Ferro at 814-237-8756.

**WANTED – PART-TIME SEXTON** – Effective immediately, Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a sexton/cleaning specialist for up to 20 hours per week (afternoons; flexible schedule) to help clean our church and preschool, with options to work on some Sunday mornings. Send cover letter and resume to Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or call Roy Evert, head sexton, at 238-2478 to discuss the position.



Dare to be different. **Dare to make a difference. Dare to go....OVER THE EDGE!** – Over the Edge Centre County is a rappelling event to support FaithCentre and Interfaith Human Services. Last year, Over the Edge raised more than \$90,000 to help Centre County neighbors feed their families, heat their homes and become financially stable. To sponsor Pastor Hetrick and Carla Rossi as they go “Over the Edge” to represent Grace, visit:

[https://give.overtheedge.events/31WD34?ref=ab\\_b8Dx54\\_ab\\_c7Plcy](https://give.overtheedge.events/31WD34?ref=ab_b8Dx54_ab_c7Plcy)

## UPDATE: GRACE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PHOTOS

In anticipation of our new pictorial church directory this fall, FREE digital photos of Grace members (with a backdrop!) will be taken by Bill Ammerman on Sundays, September 15 (**TODAY**), 22 and October 6, between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm in Harkins Hall. (Bill is a member of our church, thus no fee for taking the photos.) Family photos are preferred; you do NOT need to sign up. Please also stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of a form to update your family profile information and return it as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net) or 814-571-3672.



## This Week At Grace

### Sunday, Sept. 15

8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
8:30 a.m.	Photos for Membership Directory, Harkins Hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School, various rooms
9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Crossfire Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
11:00 a.m.	Worship with Bible Milestones and Baptism, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.	College Student Lunch, Fireside
2:30 p.m.	God's Work Our Hands Event, The Oaks in Pleasant Gap
4:00 p.m.	Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary

### Monday, Sept. 16

9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside
7:00 p.m.	Women of Grace-Sisters of Grace, Fireside

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

10:30 a.m.	Garden of Readin', Library
6:00 p.m.	Garden of Readin', Fireside

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

#### 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
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, Sept. 19

7:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
10:00 a.m.	KNIT WITS, Library

### Friday, Sept. 20

#### No scheduled church activities

### Saturday, Sept. 21

#### No scheduled church activities