

*Grace Lutheran*  
*Worship Folder*

*October 17 & 18, 2026*



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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

***“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”***

### **GATHERING**

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

#### **WELCOME**

#### **PRELUDE**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

R742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

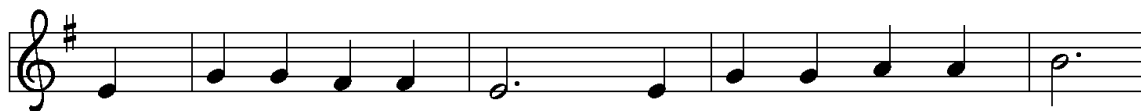
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## GREETING

**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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Isaiah 45:1-7**

*The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

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

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

*Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[<sup>10</sup> **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge  
the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is  
therein.

<sup>12</sup> **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,  
for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.]

## **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

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

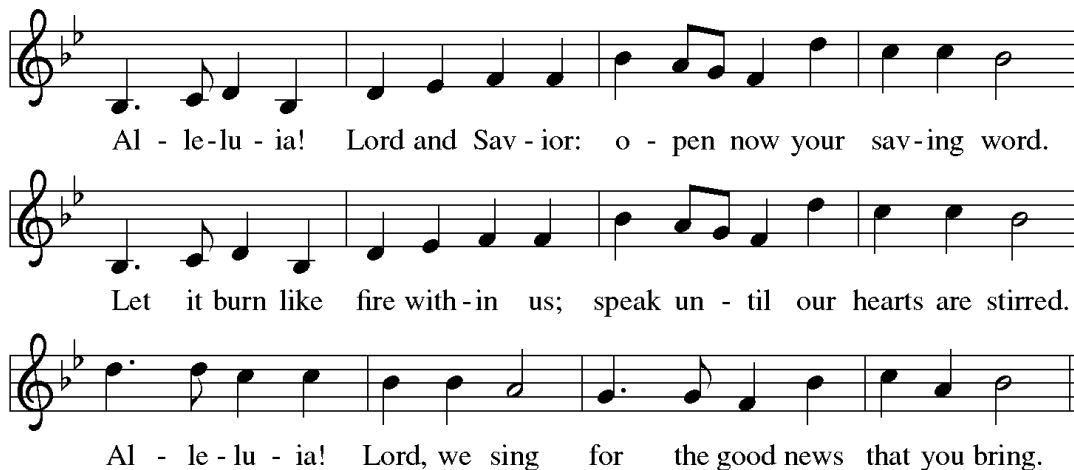
<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)*

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

## Matthew 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

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

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Take My Life, That I may Be"

**R685**



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** God of grace,      **C:** hear our prayer.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*

We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly

bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er

work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...Loving God,

**C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

P: This is Jesus's table. He invites all to come and receive the gifts that strengthen us, that help us be God's people this day and always.

*(There are gluten-free wafers available. Please ask the Pastor for one. And there is grape juice in the center of each tray, the clear juice.)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also 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 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:



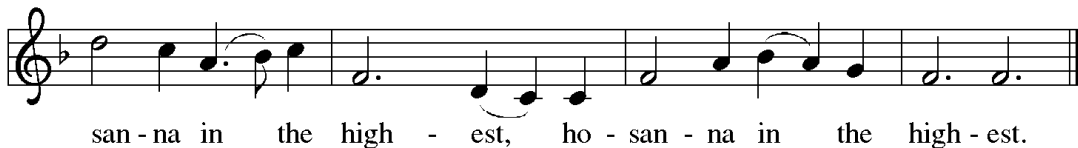
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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 -



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

“God Is Here!”

R526



- 1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
- 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
- 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
- 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray...Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

# **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C:** Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN**

“How Clear Is our Vocation, Lord”

**R580**



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,  
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Go in peace. Seek equality and justice for all.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



## POSTLUDE



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

### A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of Shelly's Birthday  
Given by Janet & Gary Bettega

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Rev. Eugene Bacon for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend.

## SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER

Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John Lutheran/Baroda, Supply Pastors; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and Synod Staff.

## PRAYER LETTERS

*Please sign* the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. **Fill the page with our names.** The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

## HALLOWEEN CARDS FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Please stop in the Office Lobby this weekend and sign Halloween cards for our Loving Care Members.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Meredith Smith, Jon Crow, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Kelly Pankey--Erin Stokes, Nicole Zbytowski, Dana Cruse-Malcomson, Cheryl Gauthier, Tamyra Rychlinski, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Georgia, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Joan Vanover, Mychele Allmacher, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Jordyn, Maggie, Joseph Hansen and Baby J. Military: Don Witt, 6-month deployment from Alpena, Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force.

## BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION - OCTOBER 18

We asked our members, "What does baptism mean to you"? *Here are some of the responses...* "Renewal & Rebirth in Jesus," "That I am a child of God," "That I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Baptism is not just a sign; it is a *means of grace* — a moment when God washed away your sins, marked you with the sign of the cross, and called you a child of God. Reminding yourself of this day renews your awareness of God's saving work in you, especially in times of doubt or hardship. Martin Luther famously said, "*When you wash your face, remember your baptism*", because it was a source of comfort and assurance of God's love. **We invite you to join us, as we celebrate all "October" Baptism Anniversaries, Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately after Sunday service.**

## RANDOM ACT OF GRACE -

### FEEDING KIDS PACKING - OCTOBER 19 AT 5:30 PM - SUNSET SCHOOL

We had a good turn out for Feeding Kids Packing on September 28. Thank you to all who helped! **Another packing session is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m.** at Sunset School. Please join us as we work with this important ministry to help feed local children. **A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Lobby.**

## RUTH CIRCLE MEETS OCTOBER 21

The Ruth Circle will meet in the Lounge on October 21 at 1 p.m. This month's lesson can be found on page 38 in the October *Gather* magazine. All women are welcome!

## LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Fall is here and winter is approaching. Again the pantry will be collecting hats, mittens and socks to place in the pantries. Thank you and enjoy our beautiful fall colors.

## **GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 22**

Game Night is rapidly approaching. This is the Quilting Group's second fundraiser (and last) for this year. If you would like to donate a food item or two, it would be greatly appreciated. A list of items used is on the table in the Office Lobby. A box for non-refrigerated/frozen items will be near the table. **Please have items here by Sunday, October 18.** Refrigerated items may be put in a bag and labeled for Game Night before being put in the refrigerator. **Card tables are also requested.** Thank you in advance and we hope to see some of you there. -- Grace Quilters

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - OCTOBER 25**

Have you ever heard of Homeboy Industries? Founded in Los Angeles in 1988 by Jesuit priest Father Gregory Boyle, it is the largest gang intervention program in the world. This remarkable man has a lot to teach us about faith compassion, and unconditional love. Find out more at the adult education class on October 25 after coffee hour. It will be time well spent.

## **TRICK OR TREAT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD - OCTOBER 31**

Join us as we distribute treats on Halloween, Saturday October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. *SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE LOBBY.* We will set up at 5 PM. Let our neighbors know about Grace and have some fun meeting people too. **DONATIONS OF TREATS ARE NEEDED** and can be placed in the basket in the Office Lobby. We had many kids stop by last year!

## **THANK YOU**

Our grounds look beautiful and are officially ready for winter, thanks to the wonderful volunteers who came out for our Fall Cleanup. We truly appreciate the gift of your time and hard work.

## **OUR QUILTERS HAVE BEEN BUSY!**

The Quilters just delivered 653 wash cloths, 20 health kits and 57 quilts to Immanuel Lutheran Church for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your dedication to this important ministry!

## **NEW TIME & TALENT SCHEDULES**

New Time & Talent schedules beginning October 1 are now available. Printed copies may be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall, and copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Schedules can also be viewed online on our website under the "Schedules" tab. If you have volunteered, please check the new schedules. If you would like more information about serving in any of these areas, please contact the Church Office. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR HAVE STARTED**

Choir and Bell Choir have started on Wednesday evenings. Choir starts at 5:15 pm and the bell choir begins at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come have fun and make music!

**NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS WEEKEND**

We will be remembering those who have died this past year during our services the weekend of October 31/November 1. If you have names you would like to submit please send them to the office by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 26, for remembrance during our services. Thank you.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

A reminder that daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2 a.m. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED**

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

|                                                      |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Average needed in September (4 weeks) to meet budget | \$ 19,252.00 |
| Monthly Giving - September                           | 14,830.98    |

We received:  
92 envelopes, 57 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 6 Give+ payments made from our website



## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

**October 15**  
Matthew Anderson  
Molly O'Connor

**October 20**  
Shane Bullard

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 27**  
Piper Slominski

**October 29**  
Mya Styma

**October 30**  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek



*1st Dawn & Brett Anderson  
3rd Matt & Ruby Haske*

### Birthdays

**October 2**  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Mike Morgan

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

**October 7**  
Ken Amlotte  
Richard Carlson  
Kimberly McCourt

**October 10**  
Gary Grove

**October 13**  
David Dekett  
Sandra Welch

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Brian Schiller  
Jim Timrick

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 28**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Jessica Konarzewski

### Wedding Anniversaries

*17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith*

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 18th

9:30 am      Worship

### Monday - 19th

8am-noon   Church Office Open

### Tuesday - 20th

8am-noon   Church Office Open  
9am-noon   Quilting/Sewing  
6:00 pm      Council

### Wednesday - 21st

Kitchen Reserved All Day  
8am-noon   Church Office Open  
1:00 pm      Ruth Circle - Lounge  
5:15 pm      Choir  
6:00 pm      Bell Choir

### Thursday - 22nd

8am-noon   Church Office Open  
4:30 pm      Game Night

### Friday - 23rd

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### Saturday - 24th

1:00 pm      Audubon Society - Hall  
5:00 pm      Worship

## SERVING OCTOBER 17/18

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Eugene Bacon  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Organist** ..... ..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Lector** ..... Cindy Domrase  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Mary Rowader, June Daly  
**Greeters** ..... June Daly, Jo Ann Smith  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
Jewel Lancaster (10/17 set up)  
**Livestream Team** ... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

## SERVING OCTOBER 24/25

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Downs  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Organist** ..... ..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Lector** ..... Corinne Fraley  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Mary Rowader, June Daly  
**Greeters** ..... Susan Howard, Mary Rowader  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
Jewel Lancaster (10/17 set up)  
**Livestream Team** ... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Anne Gentry, Jo Ann Smith

**Large print worship folders & hearing  
assistance devices are available from ushers**

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