



# GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We welcome you** in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

**Children's resources**, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

**Nursery care** is provided at the 8:30 worship service for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

**Assistance in Worship:** For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

**Please silence** all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

**In Holy Communion** the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

**Educational opportunities** occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

**Grace Council Statement on Racism:** Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

But who do you say that I am? Peter is able to answer Jesus' question correctly: "You are the Messiah." After that, Peter's words are all wrong. His protestations run him aground, misled by the little rudder of his tongue. He is rebuked, perhaps harshly but quite correctly: "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus, the Word of God, will not abide words that run contrary to his purposes. Jesus is heading to the cross, replete with suffering and shame, for the sake of our salvation. He fulfills the promise of Isaiah's Suffering Servant, this One who does not hide from insults and spitting, but who is vindicated by God. Raised by Christ, we are gifted with the new rudder of the cross. Carrying the cross, we get behind him and follow. As James encourages us, we now use our words to give praise to the Word, which leaves no room for gossip or hate.



Photo by Jonathan Hillert

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Two Settings: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Stephen P. Johnson  
Michael Burkhardt

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(green) **LBW #526**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## APOSTOLIC 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,  
and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives.

Grant that for the sake of the gospel  
we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross,  
and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## (11:00) INSTALLATION OF GRACE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

### ✝ WORD ✝

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4—9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens —  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

- L** I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- C** **The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;\*  
I came to | grief and sorrow.**
- L** Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:\*  
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”
- C** **Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;\*  
our God is full | of compassion.**
- L** The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;\*  
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.
- C** **Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.\*  
for the Lord has treat- | ed you well.**
- L** For you have rescued my | life from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- C** **I will walk in the presence | of the Lord\*  
in the land | of the living.**

**SECOND READING:** James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** 1 Peter 3:18

Carl F. Schalk

**L** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



**L** Christ suffered for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous in order to bring you to God.

**C** **REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 8:27–38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON:** Sticks and Stones

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Mark 8:27–38; James 3:1–12; Isaiah 50:4–9a

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

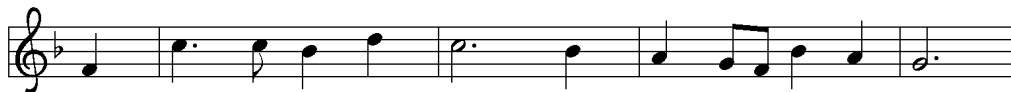
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**8:30 Service**

Stanza 1 – All  
Stanza 2 – All  
Stanza 3 – Women  
Stanza 4 – All  
Stanza 5 – Men  
Stanza 6 – All  
Stanza 7 – All

**11:00 Service**

Stanza 1 – All  
Stanza 2 – All  
Stanza 3 – Women  
Stanza 4 – Choir  
Stanza 5 – Men  
Stanza 6 – All  
Stanza 7 – All



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright joyful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

## PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/MISSION MOMENT:** Grace School Endowment

(8:30) Lori Martin  
(11:00) Richard Martens

*Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.  
Visit [GraceRiverForest.org](http://GraceRiverForest.org) to give online.*

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** Romans 14:6–8

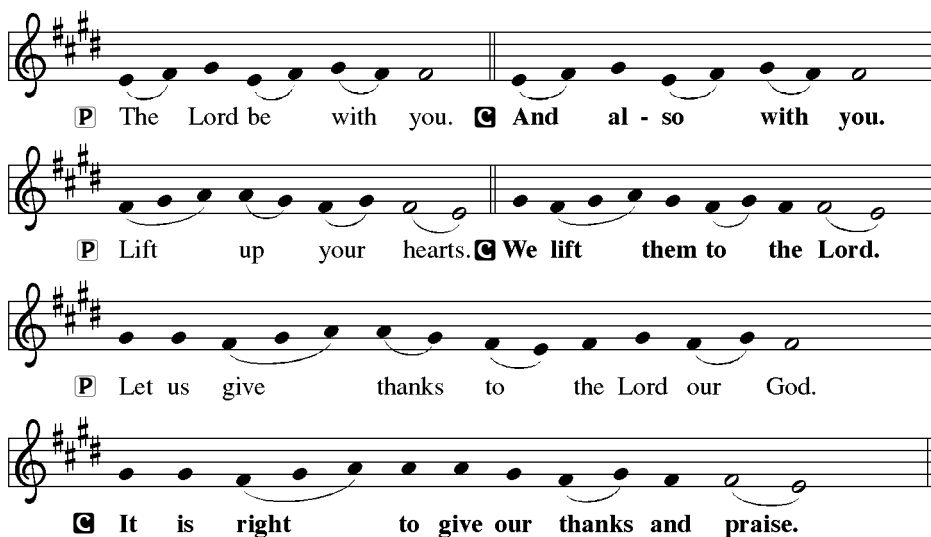
Carl F. Schalk

Those who observe this day observe it in honor of the Lord.  
Those also who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God.  
None of us live alone, and none of us die alone.  
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die we die to the Lord;  
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The staves are separated by double bar lines.

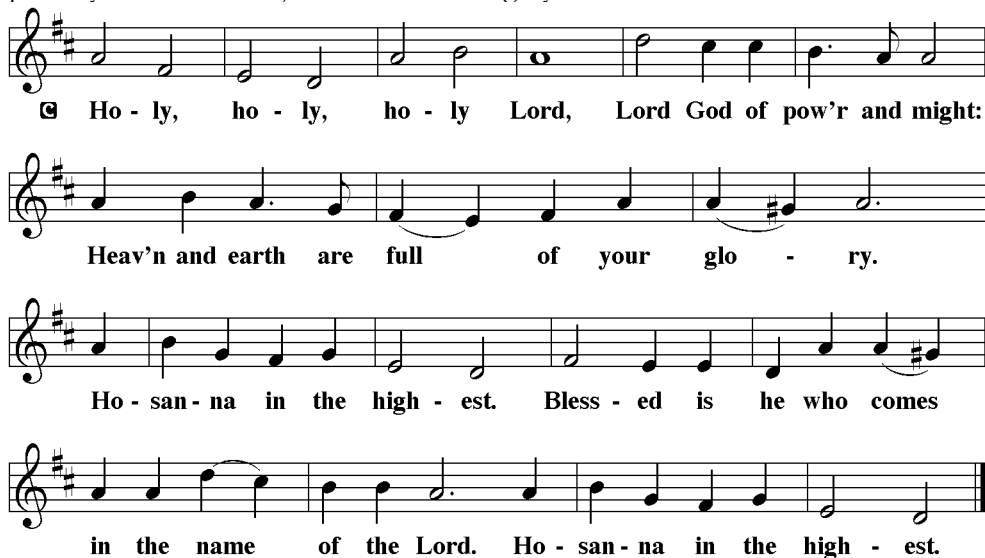
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

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

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

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. 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 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, 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.

- P** You are indeed holy, 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,  
 that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
 Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
 and accomplished 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.

**P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



**☩** 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.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.*

*Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Paul Bouman

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be;  
forsake the past, and come this day, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up, sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
for you the Lord endured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear a golden crown.

Charles V. Everest, alt.

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

*We stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of those  
whom you have fed with one heavenly food;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

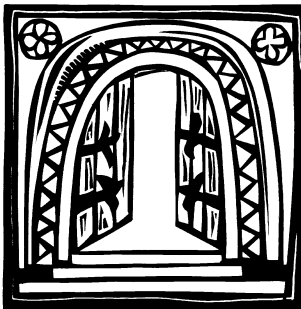
*(8:30)* **INSTALLATION OF GRACE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

(green) LBW #377

(11:00) The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4 in a setting by Carl F. Schalk.

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

**DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Lift High the Cross

Charles W. Ore

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister  
The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Al Swanson, deacon

**8:30**

Rich Schubkegel and Mary Margaret Bartley  
Ben Schueler and Sam Schueler  
Neal and Esther Armstrong  
Paul Lochner and John Lochner

Anne Claud, Justin Martin,  
and Andrew Costello

**Lectors**  
**Crucifer/Bible Bearer**  
**Gift Bearers**  
**Altar Guild**  
**Choir**

**Livestream Audio/Video**

**11:00**

Sandy Lentz and Mary Beth Logas  
Anna Price and Andrew Henderson  
Mike and Roberta Gillespie  
Roberta Gillespie and Gerlinde VanDriesen  
Parish Choir

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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

|   |                    |  |                         |
|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Diane Amati   | Rosemary Cheatem   | Phyllis Kersten  | Jim Scherer             |
| Annalise Balock   | Louis Elia         | Jerry Koenig   | Rich and Bonnie Stasack |
| Cathy Barker  | David Gruendler    | Karen Lemke  | Cameron Valencia        |
| Jill Baumgaertner   | Don Heimburger     | Carolyn Martin   | <b>Nancy Wohlford</b>   |
| Ed Borg   | Patricia Herendeen | Karen McMahon  |                         |
| Ann Bresnen   | Bob Jandeska       | Jennifer Murtoff   |                         |
| Larry Caponigri   | Amy Juel           | Pat Scala  |                         |
|   |                    |  |                         |
| Felipe Altamirano ( <i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )            |                    | Maxx Kuser ( <i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i> )                                  |                         |
| Pat B. ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )                                    |                    | Beth Luebbe and family ( <i>sister of Jenny Luebbe</i> )                     |                         |
| Javed Bachew ( <i>relative of Susan Franzone</i> )                          |                    | Joyce and John Lunde ( <i>friends of Susan Messerli</i> )                    |                         |
| Greg Ball ( <i>friend of Irmgard Swanson</i> )                              |                    | Esther Martz ( <i>friend of Susie Calhoun</i> )                              |                         |
| Vera Leora Barnett ( <i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i> )                      |                    | Anne Matthys ( <i>mother of Susan Curran</i> )                               |                         |
| Shari Barnich ( <i>friend of Randy Schnack</i> )                            |                    | Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )   |                         |
| Sophie Bartell ( <i>granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell</i> )          |                    | <b>Christopher Miller</b> ( <i>friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska</i> )      |                         |
| James Beglin ( <i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i> )                          |                    | Carole Nelson ( <i>mother of Michael Nelson</i> )                            |                         |
| Frances Benson ( <i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )                   |                    | Julie Novak ( <i>daughter of Eunice Spurgat</i> )                            |                         |
| Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )                           |                    | <b>Delores Pelz</b> ( <i>cousin of Evelyn Grams</i> )                        |                         |
| Anne and Wayne Boosey ( <i>cousins of Ann Mason</i> )                       |                    | Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )                    |                         |
| Florence Breed ( <i>cousin of Irmgard Swanson</i> )                         |                    | Jacob Pletan ( <i>great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt &amp; Gick Schmidt</i> )     |                         |
| Susan Cahill ( <i>cousin of Randy Schnack</i> )                             |                    | Sarah Ponder ( <i>friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys</i> )                      |                         |
| Jamie Carpenter ( <i>cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher</i> )              |                    | James Powers ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )                                 |                         |
| James Cordes ( <i>brother of Bruce Cordes</i> )                             |                    | Susan Prather ( <i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i> )                  |                         |
| Stella Dillberg ( <i>mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace</i>    |                    | Mark Redheffer ( <i>son of Virginia Walker</i> )                             |                         |
| <i>School student Julia Weaver</i> )  |                    | Florence Saeger ( <i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i> )                      |                         |
| Patti and Neal Enslin ( <i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i> )                 |                    | Esther Samuelson-Roberts ( <i>granddaughter of Harriet and</i>               |                         |
| Seth Flanders ( <i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )                |                    | <i>John Roberts</i> )  |                         |
| James Flutch ( <i>nephew of Valerie Spiller</i> )                           |                    | Jennifer Sandahl ( <i>friend of Jennifer Murtoff</i> )                       |                         |
| Nathan Forsyth ( <i>friend of Paul Nelson</i> )                             |                    | Mary Lu Shipstad ( <i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i> )                        |                         |
| Benjamin Galiher ( <i>nephew of Paul May</i> )                              |                    | Huxley Shoup and family ( <i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )        |                         |
| Chandramma Gantepalli ( <i>mother of Hena Gantepalli</i> )                  |                    | Nancy Stelling ( <i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i> )                   |                         |
| Luke Gawencka ( <i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i> )                           |                    | Lee Stephens ( <i>brother of Tony</i> )                                      |                         |
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| John Hunt ( <i>friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner</i> )                      |                    | Bob Weaver ( <i>husband of Gretchen</i> )                                    |                         |
| Doug Kelner ( <i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i> )                     |                    | Daniel Wenzel ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )                              |                         |
| Don Kersten ( <i>brother of Phyllis Kersten</i> )                           |                    | Lucy White ( <i>friend of Mary Beth Logas</i> )                              |                         |
| George Kozuchowski ( <i>friend of Timothy Douma</i> )                       |                    | Deborah Wilson ( <i>niece of Carolyn Garber</i> )                            |                         |
| Arnold Krubsack ( <i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i> )                       |                    | Randi Woodworth ( <i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i> )                         |                         |
| Kathryn Krubsack ( <i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i> )                        |                    | Veronica Zurowski ( <i>mother of Tom</i> )                                   |                         |

## **Benevolence ministries**

Refugee One

## **For those who mourn**

**Joanne Nelson**

**The Rev. Thomas BeMiller** (*friend of Pastor Lyle*)

**The Rev. Rick Inman** (*friend of Pastors Lyle and Costello*)

**John Moehlenkamp** (*brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)

**Helen Timmerman Schwab** (*aunt of Anna Beyersdorf*)

## **Those serving in the armed services**

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Kroust*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## **Those in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

## **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

## **Those who are homebound**

Christopher Davis

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

Carolyn Martin

## **Those who need encouragement**

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center



# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, SEPTEMBER 12

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Library Open.....                             | 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.       |
| <b>Worship Services – Holy Communion.....</b> | <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b> |
| Adult Education (seminar room).....           | 9:45 a.m.                    |
| Teen Talk (Youth Room) .....                  | 9:45 a.m.                    |
| Confirmation Parent Meeting (virtual) .....   | 12:30 p.m.                   |

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Finance Committee (online).....                | 7:00 p.m. |
| Grant Review Committee (online).....           | 7:00 p.m. |
| Stephen Ministry meeting (church library)..... | 7:30 p.m. |

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Retired Leaders (church library)..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| Health Cabinet (online).....          | 7:00 p.m.  |

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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|--|-------------------|
| <b>Grace School Chapel Service.....</b>        | <b>8:25 a.m.</b>  |
| Cornerstones – Fellowship and Bible Study..... | 9:30 a.m.         |
| <b>Morning Prayer Service .....</b>            | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> |
| Parish Choir Rehearsal.....                    | 7:30 p.m.         |

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Moms of Littles (virtual).....                              | 6:30 p.m. |
| Justice and Peace Committee meeting (conference room) ..... | 7:30 p.m. |

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

|  |            |
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| Finding Hope (church library).....     | 10:00 a.m. |
| Religion in Literature (virtual) ..... | 8:00 p.m.  |

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

|                                     |           |
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| Overeaters Anonymous (virtual)..... | 9:00 a.m. |
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