



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Communion
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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

Jesus reminds us for a second time where this is headed. He is on his way to Jerusalem where he will be betrayed into human hands and killed. Three days later he will rise again. The disciples cannot even hear let alone fathom such foolish talk of death and resurrection. This cannot possibly be how this ends. They prefer talk of glory, victory, and who will be the greatest when it is all said and done. This talk of death and resurrection does not sit well with us either at first. Our old Adam much prefers glory to the way of the cross. Yet, in our baptisms we have been welcomed as beloved children into this very life of dying and rising. We now joyfully die every day to the ways of this world and all its self-centered competition and rise again to a life that is peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy and good fruits. After all, this is the only way to really live.

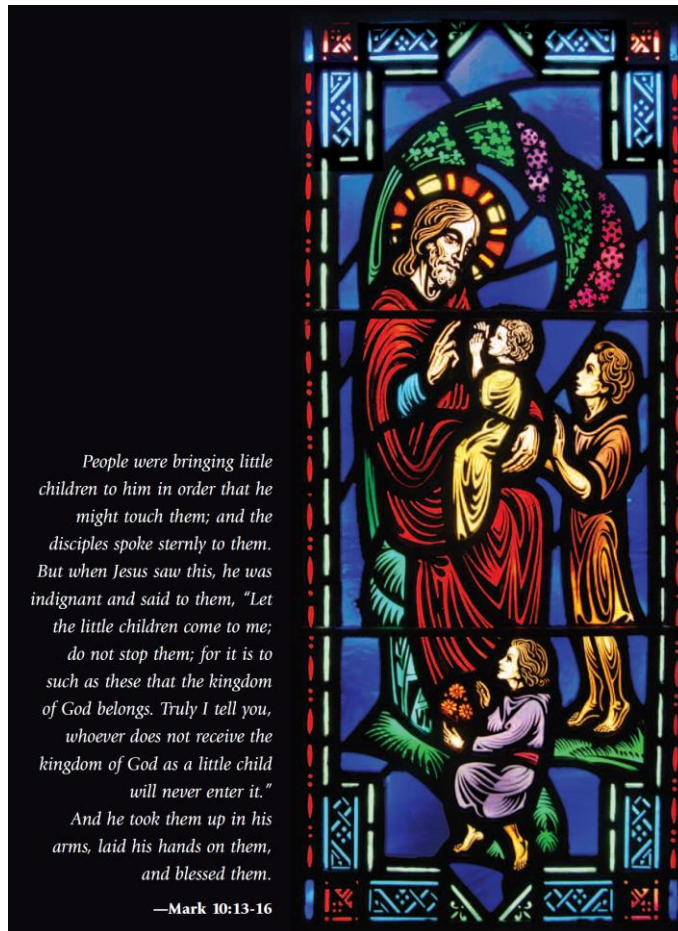


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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

(8:30) Andante Cantabile (from String Quartet No. 2 in A minor)

Florence Price

(11:00) A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth, BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach

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: God Is Here!

(blue) **WOV #719**

(8:30) The choir sings stanza 3 in a setting by Michael D. Costello.



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!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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, our teacher and guide,
you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.
Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding
as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18–20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54

ANTIPHON: It is the Lord who sustains my life.

John Folkening

- L** Save me, O God, | by your name;*
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- C** Hear my | prayer, O God;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- L** For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have | sought my life,*
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- C** Behold, God | is my helper;*
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.
- L** Render evil to those who | spy on me;*
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- C** I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice*
and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.
- L** For you have rescued me from | every trouble,*
and my eye has seen the ruin | of my foes.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3; 4:7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



L God has called us through the proclamation of the good news,
that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30–37

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

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

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Welcomed Into Death and Resurrection

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30–37

We stand.

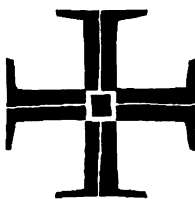
HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father

(green) **LBW #474**

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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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/VOLUNTARY

(8:30) Adagio in G minor

(11:00) Children of the Heavenly Father

Tomaso Albinoni/ed. Flavio Regis Cunha

Jon D. Vicker

*Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.
Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.*

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: John 15:1, 4–5

Carl F. Schalk

I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Abide in me and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me, and I in them will bear much fruit.

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

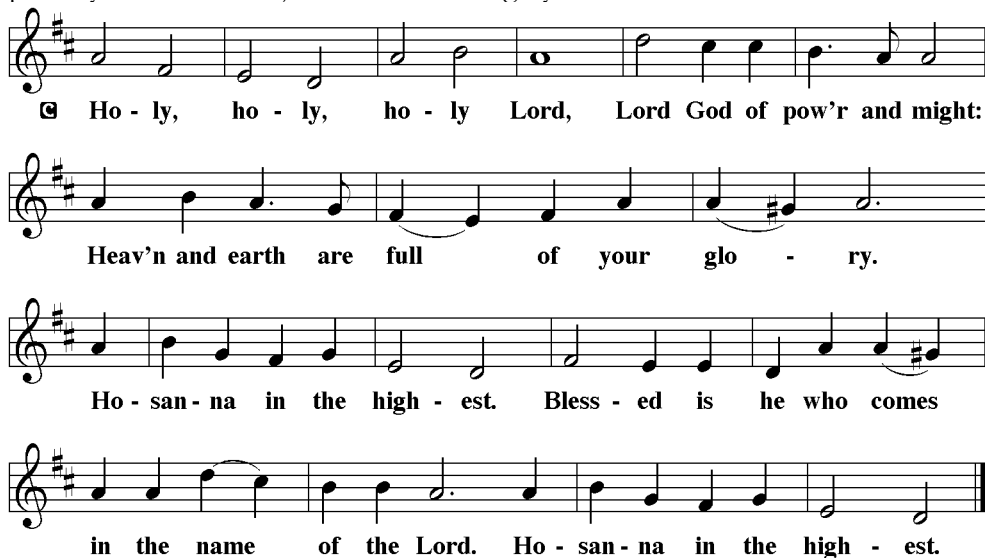
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

- ▮ 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.

- ▮ 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

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Ernst Pepping
Ritornello by Friedrich Zipp

A lamb goes uncomplaining forth
To save a world of sinners.
He bears the burden all alone,
Dies shorn of all his honors.
He goes to slaughter, weak and faith,
Is led to die without complaint;
His spotless life he offers.
He bears the shame, the stripes, the w ath:
His anguish, mockery, and death
For us he gladly suffers.

Of death I am no more afraid;
His dying is my living.
He clothes me in his royal robes
That he is always giving.
His love is dress enough for me
To wear through all eternity
Before the highest Father,
Where we shall stand at Jesus' side,
His Church, the well-appointed bride,
When all the faithful gather.

Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676

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HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

(blue) **WOV #776**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.

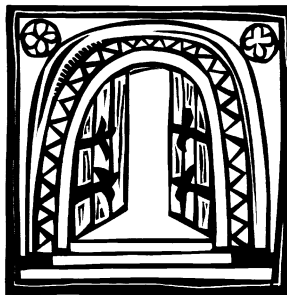
C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(green) LBW #290



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head.
and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue on the Kyrie

François Couperin

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
Christine Nelson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Paulette Reddel
Karen Rohde and Paul Eichwedel
Adrienne and Isaiah Ruehle-May
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska
Paul Lochner and John Lochner
Andrew Costello and Al Swanson
Parish Choir
Kontras Quartet
Eleanor Bartsch, violin
Francois Henkins, violin
Ben Weber, viola
Jean Hatmaker, cello

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer

Gift Bearers

Altar Guild

Livestream Audio/Video

Choir

Strings

11:00

Lori Martin
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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati	Rosemary Cheatem	Phyllis Kersten	Marnie Rourke
Annalise Balock	Louis Elia	Jerry Koenig	Pat Scala
Cathy Barker	David Gruendler	Karen Lemke	Jim Scherer
Jill Baumgaertner	Don Heimbürger	Carolyn Martin	Cameron Valencia
Ed Borg	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	Nancy Wohlford
Ann Bresnen	Bob Jandeska	Jennifer Murtoff	
Larry Caponigri	Amy Juel		

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 Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)
 Greg Ball (*friend of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Vera Leora Barnett (*friend of Paul Eichnedel*)
 Shari Barnich (*friend of Randy Schnack*)
 Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
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 Florence Breed (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Susan Cahill (*cousin of Randy Schnack*)
 Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)
 James Cordes (*brother of Bruce Cordes*)
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Bill Duely (*friend of many at Grace Church*)
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 Nathan Forsyth (*friend of Paul Nelson*)
 Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)
 Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)
 Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
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 Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
 Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)
 Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)
 John Hunt (*friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner*)
 Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
 Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)
 George Kozuchowski (*friend of Timothy Douma*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
 Beth Luebke and family (*sister of Jenny Luebke*)
 Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)
 Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)
 Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)
 Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
 Christopher Miller (*friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
 Carole Nelson (*mother of Michael Nelson*)
 Julie Novak (*daughter of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Dolores Pelz (*cousin of Evelyn Grams*)
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
 Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt*)
 Sarah Ponder (*friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)
 Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
 Esther Samuelson-Roberts (*granddaughter of Harriet and John Roberts*)
 Jennifer Sandahl (*friend of Jennifer Murtoff*)
 Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)
 Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)
 Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)
 Ilene Thompson (*sister of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Jan Thomson (*sister-in-law of Christine Phillips*)
 Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
 Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
 Daniel Wenzel (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Lucy White (*friend of Mary Beth Logas*)
 Deborah Wilson (*niece of Carolyn Garber*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Valparaiso University

Thanksgiving for

The birth of **Colette Elizabeth Wiltgen** (*granddaughter of Sue and Pat Allen*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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 19

Library Open.....	8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion.....	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
9 th grade confirmation (Atrium).....	9:45 a.m.
Confirmation class (Memorial Garden).....	9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Parent Meeting (Virtual)	12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Church Council (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Grace School Chapel Service.....	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones – Fellowship and Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal.....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Personnel Committee meeting (Conference Room).....	1:00 p.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (offsite)	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual).....	9:00 a.m.
Men of Grace (Outdoors).....	9:00 a.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers Rehearsal.....	9:00 a.m.

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