



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 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.

Altar flowers are given by Douglas and Ann Anderson and family in thanksgiving for the baptisms of Benjamin Edward Lueking-Parker and Christian Dean Lueking-Parker

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

It is not good for humans to be alone. We were made by the triune God so that we can live in relationship with others, loving our neighbors in all our vocations. We belong to each other, and yet because of the sway of sin, too often our relationships are fractured, severed, and marked by selfishness and the desire for power. Jesus makes clear that those are all matters of the heart. This Jesus is on a mission to do something about that. He is driven all the way to the cross where he becomes the fractured one, severed and cut off from life itself. Through this death he halts sin's sway forever, and rising again he plunders death itself. In our baptisms we have been united to this Jesus and given a new heart. Now, through the Spirit, our vocations are transformed. The baptized life is now marked by the joy of serving. Our relationships are now defined by giving of ourselves for the sake of the other.

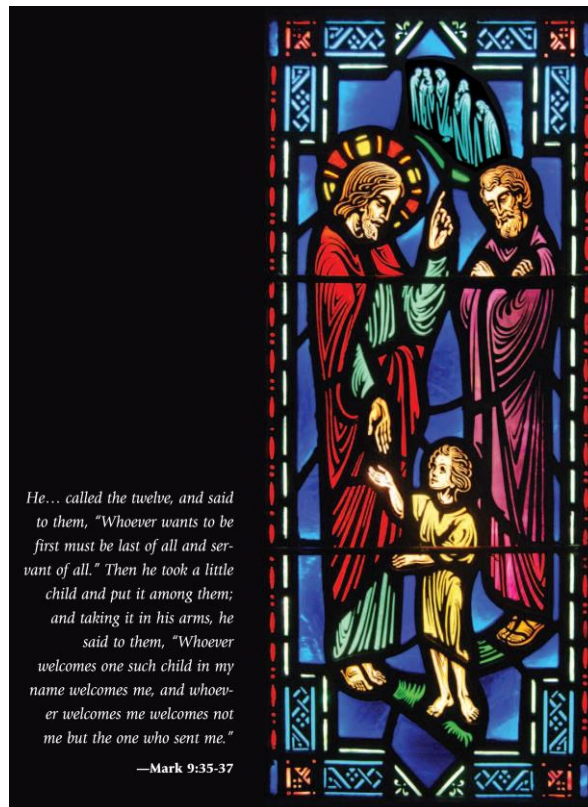


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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

(8:30) If You but Trust in God to Guide You

(11:00) Sheep May Safely Graze (from Cantata #208)

Michael D. Costello
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: How Firm a Foundation

(green) **LBW #507**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

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.



B 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.

Sovereign God,

you have created us to live in loving community with one another.

Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast,

and teach us to trust like little children,

that we may reflect the image of your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18–24

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken.”

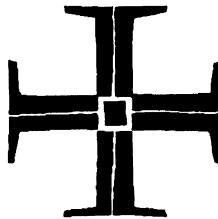
²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: O Lord, our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the earth!

- L** O | Lord our Lord,*
how exalted is your name in | all the earth!
- C** **Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children***
your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.
- L** You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,*
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.
- C** **When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,***
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- L** what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,*
the son of man that you should | seek him out?
- C** **You have made him but little lower | than the angels;***
you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;
- L** you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;,*
you put all things un- | der his feet:
- C** **all | sheep and oxen,***
even the wild beasts | of the field,
- L** the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*
and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.
- C** **O | Lord our Lord,***
how exalted is your name in | all the earth!



SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 John 4:12

Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C REFRAIN (*below*)



L If we love one another, God lives in us
and God's love is perfected in us.

C REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:2–16

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(8:30) **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

SERMON: Transformed for Others

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Genesis 2:18–24; Mark 10:2–16



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: If You but Trust in God to Guide You

(green) **LBW #453**



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less
3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your
serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite, alt.

Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark, 1621–1681

(8:30) **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.

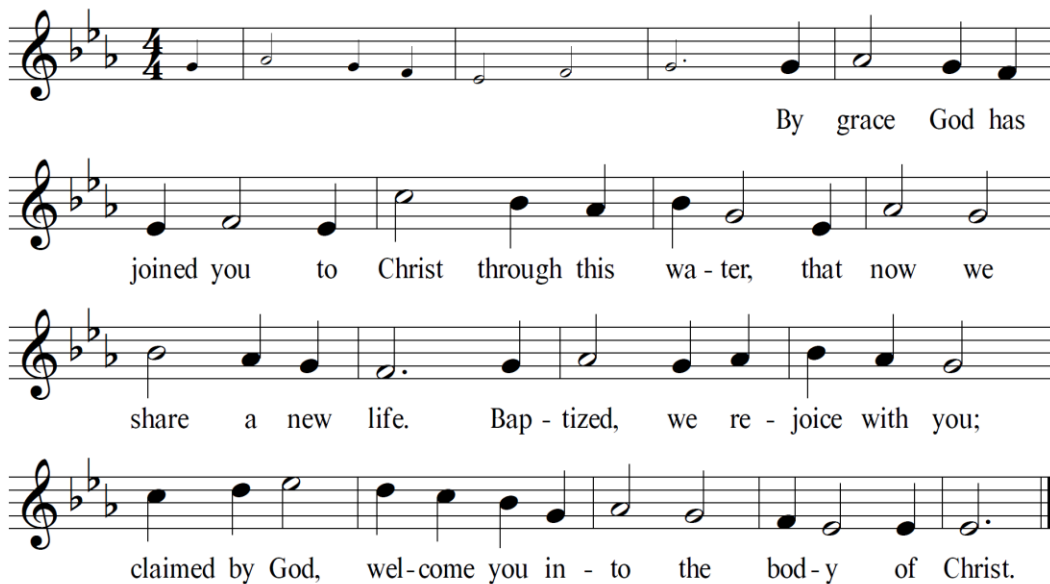
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

(11:00) **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** (page 121 *in the front* of the green LBW.)

Benjamin Edward Lueking-Parker and Christian Dean Lueking-Parker

After the spoken welcome, the following response is sung twice through:



By grace God has
joined you to Christ through this wa - ter, that now we
share a new life. Bap - tized, we re - joice with you;
claimed by God, wel-come you in - to the bod-y of Christ.

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

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** If You but Trust in God to Guide You, BWV 647 J. S. Bach

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Children of the Heavenly Father Setting by Michael D. Costello

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903;
tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 34:8–10

Carl F. Schalk

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in him.

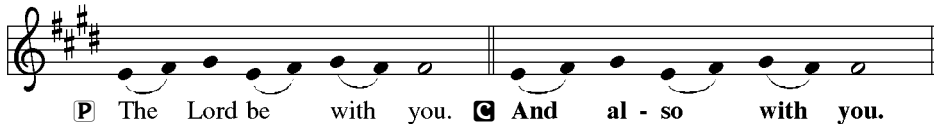
O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want!

The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing,


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.

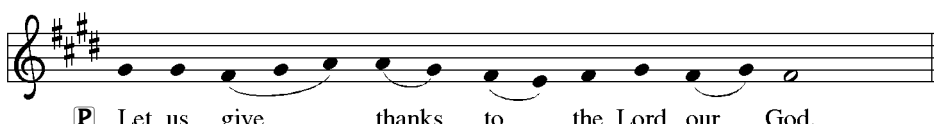
GREAT THANKSGIVING




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.

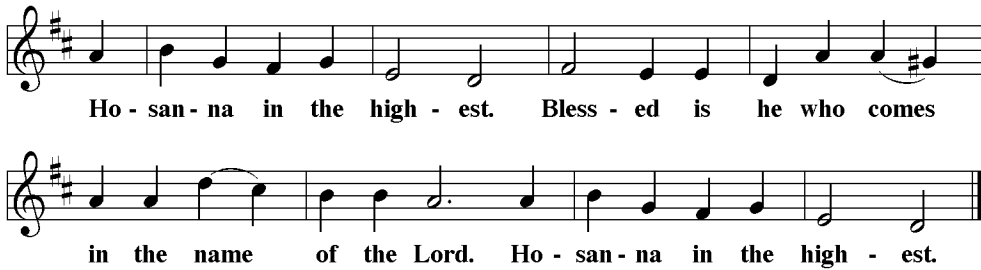
- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



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



- 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.
- 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



C 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) **VOLUNTARY:** Amazing Grace

Setting by Jennifer Higdon

HYMN: Day by Day

(blue) **WOV #746**

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my

com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will

send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
I will fear, no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres-ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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.

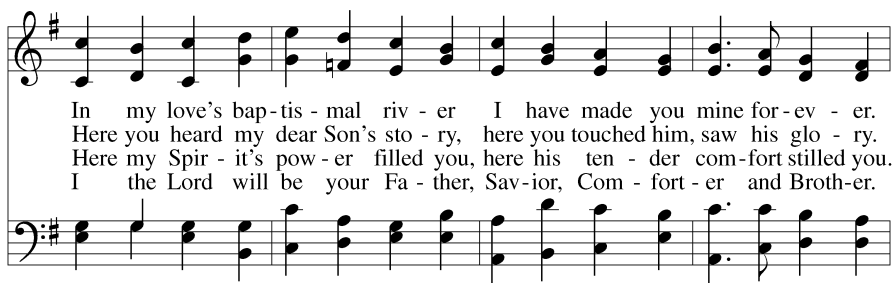
C Amen.



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Go, My Children, with My Blessing Frank Stoldt

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

8:30

Ed Mason
Kathryn Jandeska
Ryan Koehne and Graham Shea
Marilyn Moehlenkamp and Jane Andrew
John Sanger and Susan Weber
Eunice Eifert and Al Swanson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Altar Guild
Ushers
Livestream Audio/Video
Choir
Flutist
Soloist
Strings

11:00

Christa Krout
Karen Rohde and Al Swanson
Elsa and Sadie Berg
Roberta Gillespie

Parish Choir
Ann Anderson
Douglas Anderson
Kontras Quartet
Eleanor Bartsch, violin
François Henkins, violin
Ben Weber, viola
Jean Hatmaker, cello

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8:30 Prelude, 11:00 Anthem, 11:00 Voluntary, Communion Hymn, Sending Hymn, and Postlude reprinted and/or livestreamed by permission of OneLicense.net license #A-704569.

LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

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

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
 Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)
 Greg Ball (*friend of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 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*)
 Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)
 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
 James Flutch (*nephew of Valerie Spiller*)
 Nathan Forsyth (*friend of Paul Nelson*)
 Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)
 Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)
 Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
 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*)
Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
 Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
 Beth Luebbe and family (*sister of Jenny Luebbe*)
 Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messertli*)

Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calboun*)
 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*)
 Deborah Wilson (*niece of Carolyn Garber*)
 Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Housing Forward

In thanksgiving for

The marriage of Paige Panfil and Andrew Collins

The baptisms of Benjamin Edward Lueking-Parker and Christian Dean Lueking-Parker
(sons of Chris Lueking and Cameron Parker, grandchildren of Dean and Beverly Lueking)

For those who mourn

Konstantine Leventy *(uncle of Ted Anton)*

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

Jayne Chilton

Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, OCTOBER 3

Library Open..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Mentor Session (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School & Pre-Confirmation..... 9:45 a.m.
Home Safety (Virtual) 12:30 p.m.
Youth Group Service Project (Gymnasium)..... 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Grace School Chapel Service..... 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones – Fellowship and Bible Study..... 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Mentor Orientation (virtual) 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Moms of Littles (Youth Room) 6:30 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee meeting (Conference room) 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Finding Hope (Church library) 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Overeaters Anonymous (Library Media Center)..... 9:00 a.m.

David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor
Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor
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Michael D. Costello, Cantor
Jeremy Zimmer, Assistant Cantor
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