



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome 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.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services 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.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

Electronic Devices

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

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.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be sponsored by members to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. See the front desk attendant for more information.

As We Gather

Forgiveness is generative. It creates new space that has never existed before. Giving and receiving forgiveness is one of the clearest images of death and resurrection that we experience. Joseph's brothers are imprisoned by their fear and shame at what they had done. Yet Joseph unlocks those doors and sets them free. Fear no longer has dominion over them. They can imagine a new future. Possibilities. Reconciliation. Resurrection. It's a miracle. In Christ we have been forgiven unilaterally. The prison doors of shame and fear have been destroyed through his death and resurrection. On the other side of the grave, it is our joy to live open-handed. In this broad place holding grudges and withholding forgiveness seem like foolish steps back into the past. You are crowned with steadfast love- why would we go back there? As forgiven sinners we get to die to our ego, agenda, and need to be vindicated every day as we live in the expansive risen life of Christ. All for the sake of our neighbors.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW #452

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
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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.
- G** And also with you.

GLORIA



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.

O Lord God, merciful judge,

you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,

that we may delight in doing your will,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

- ℣ Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.
- ☩ **Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and forget not | all his benefits.**
- ℣ He forgives | all your sins*
and heals all | your infirmities;
- ☩ **he redeems your life | from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**
- ℣ he satisfies you | with good things,*
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ☩ **The Lord ex- | ecutes righteousness*
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.**
- ℣ He made his ways | known to Moses*
and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ☩ **The Lord is full of compas- | sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and | of great kindness.**
- ℣ He will not al- | ways accuse us,*
nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.
- ☩ **He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.**
- ℣ For as the heavens are high | above the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.
- ☩ **As far as the east is | from the west,*
so far has he removed our | sins from us.**
- ℣ As a father cares | for his children,*
so does the Lord care for | those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

We stand.

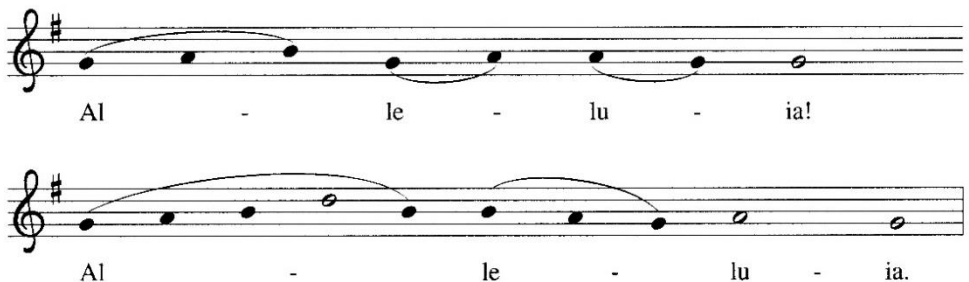
GOSPEL VERSE: 1 John 2: 1, 12

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

G **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous;
your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

G **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Forgiven to Death

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Genesis 50:15–21; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35



HYMN OF THE DAY: Before the Waters Nourished Earth

ACS #1049

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Michael D. Costello.



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - main'd as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

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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

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Prelude on ST. COLUMBA

Michael D. Costello

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;

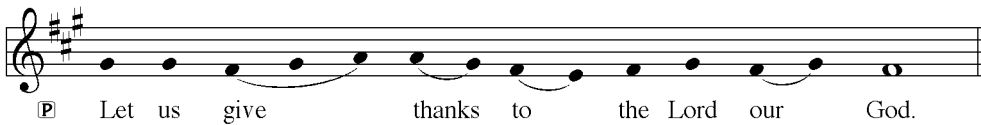
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

☞ **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 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:



❏ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

❏ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

❏ **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.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts

Thomas Morley

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God, most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me:
Write, from henceforth,
blessed are the dead which die in the Lord,
e'en so saith the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

HYMN: When Charity and Love Prevail

(green) LBW #126



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

Amen.

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

(green) **LBW #196**



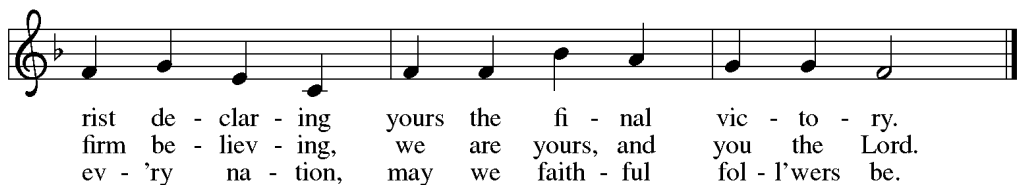
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Kenneth T. Kosche

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Paul Nelson, Luke Murphy, crucifer/bible bearer

Julie Modrich, Tom Thomas, Jr., gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Marcia Nolan, Scott Schwar, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

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Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, greeters

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Marcia Anderson (*sister-in-law of David and Gay Anderson*)
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In thanksgiving for

The wedding of **Peter Hoyem** and **Emily Colosimo** on September 16

For those who mourn

Larry Zuberbier (*friend of Karl Reko*)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

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Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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 who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Bible Study (Conference Room).....8:45 a.m.
- Faith Formation Opening (Fellowship Hall)8:45 a.m.
- Library Open (self service)..... 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Faith Formation PK-SK (Nursery).....9:00 a.m.
- Faith Formation Gr 1-6 (3rd Floor Commons).....9:00 a.m.
- Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Holy Communion** 10:00 a.m.
- Mentor Session, Grade 9 (School Library) 11:15 a.m.
- Teen Talk Brunch (Offsite)..... 11:15 a.m.
- The Loss of a Spouse Seminar (Church Library) ...12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Breakfast Group (Conference Room)..... 10:15 a.m.
- Knitting Group (Church Library)..... 1:00 p.m.
- Church Council (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- School Chapel Service** 8:25 a.m.
- Cornerstones (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.
- Morning Prayer**..... 11:30 a.m.
- Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)12:00 p.m.
- Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- GriefShare (Church Library).....9:00 a.m.
- Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:30 p.m.
- Woman’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.
- Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Rm) 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)..... 7:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons)..... 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Men of Grace (Youth Center).....9:00 a.m.

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