



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](http://www.graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 24, 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**

We start today with Jonah, the petulant prophet who's mad at God for acting like God. Sulking in the sultry wind outside Ninevah, Jonah blasts God for being gracious and merciful. Later, we walk with the all-day workers only to find out that they receive no more than those who barely worked at all. What kind of landowner would act in such a way? The Kingdom of Heaven proclaimed by Jesus is run by the same God who spared Ninevah. This God, like the landowner of the parable, is much less interested in giving us what we deserve than in lavishing us with undeserved grace and abounding love. We all start the day empty-handed. We all end the day with the fullness of God's grace. Around God's table we are treated equally. Not because of who we are, but because of who Jesus is.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on SLANE

Franklin D. Ashdown

*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: As Saints of Old

ELW #695



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900–1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.  
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities,  
grant us your merciful judgment,  
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10–4:11

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The Lord is slow to anger and of great kindness.

- L I will exalt you, O | God my King,\*  
 and bless your name forev- | er and ever.
- C **Every day | will I bless you\***  
**and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**
- L Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;\*  
 there is no end | to his greatness.
- C **One generation shall praise your works | to another\***  
**and shall de- | clare your power.**
- L I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty\*  
 and all your | marvelous works.
- C **They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,\***  
**and I will tell | of your greatness.**
- L They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;\*  
 they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.
- C **The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,\***  
**slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 1:21–30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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



*We stand.*

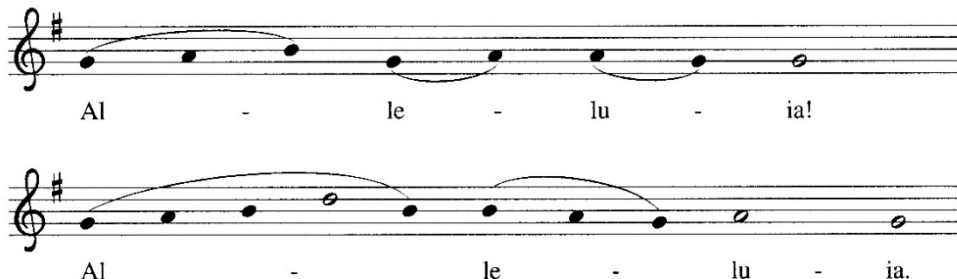
## GOSPEL VERSE

Carl F. Schalk

*We join in singing:*

**Choir** Alleluia.

**REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to give heed to what is said by your Son. Alleluia.

**REFRAIN**

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** The Economics of Grace

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Matthew 20:1–16; Jonah 3:10–4:11

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Lord of All Hopefulness

*(green)* **LBW #469**

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

## **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.

**G** **And also with you.**

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

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Lord of All Hopefulness

David Lasky

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** John 15:4–5

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.

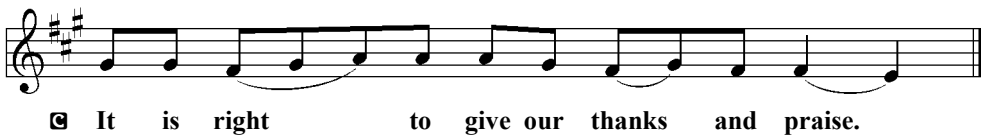
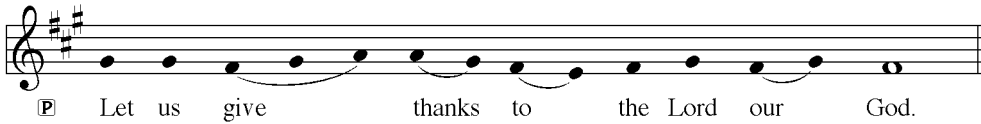
### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

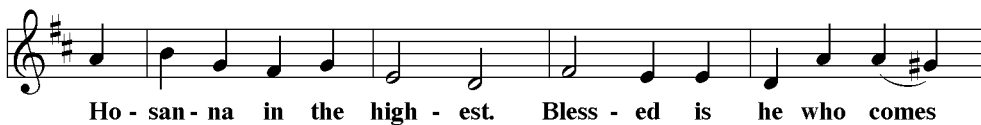
**G** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## 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**



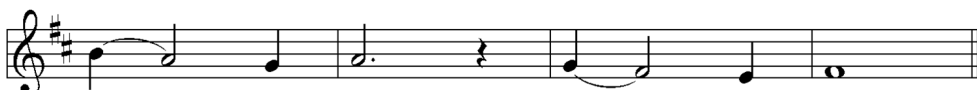
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

Michael Joncas

Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

Brian A. Wren





# 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.



*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.

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.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

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

**C Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: Voices Raised to You

**ELW #845**

*Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Carolyn Jennings.*



1	Voic - es raised to	you	we	of - fer;	tune them,	God,	for
2	All cre - a - tion	joins	to	praise you;	earth and	sky	your
3	Christ, the song of	love	in - car - nate,	touch - ing	earth	with	
4	Spir - it, flam - ing	through	cre - a - tion,	kin - dle	faith	with -	
5	How can an - y	praise	we	of - fer	mea - sure	all	the



songs of	praise.	Hearts	and	hands	we	bring	in	trib - ute
works dis -	play.	Art	and	mu - sic,		gifts	you	lend us,
heav - en's	grace,	for	your	liv - ing,		suf - f'ring,	dy - ing,	
in each	heart.	Lift	our	voic - es		high	in	cho - rus;
thanks we	owe?	Take	our	hearts	and	hands	and	voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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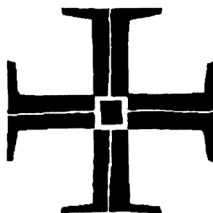
## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Voices Raised to You

Jacob B. Weber



## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Ellie Anderson, assisting minister

Amy Claud, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Eileen Maggio, Rhea Sprecher, lectors

Kat Starrick, Charlie Terry, crucifer/bible bearer

Bob and Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers

Joe Maggio, Susan Weber, ushers

Jane Andrew, Roberta Gillespie, altar guild

Kathryn Jandeska, Sabrina Maggio, greeters

Ryan Koehne, Andrew Costello, livestream audio/video

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## LET US PRAY...

Annalise Balock	Louis Elia	Patricia Herendeen	Rob Ransom
Cathy Barker	Carol Forrest	Genevieve Jones	Ron Rott
Miriam Bretscher	David Franzone	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger
Bill Brown	Susan Franzone	Joan Koerber	Pat Scala
MaryBeth Buschmann	Hena Gantepalli	Dan Lehmann	Jim Scherer
Larry Caponigri	Galen Gockel	Karen Lemke	Rhea Sprecher
Yvonne Daniels	Evelyn Grams	Karen McMahon	Jill Sunderman
Hans Dumpys	Susan Hammon	Dave Moeller	Linda Webb

Joe Anderson (*nephew of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Marcia Anderson (*sister-in-law of David and Gay Anderson*)  
 James Barkenquast (*father of Laura Becker*)  
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 Jim Brandt (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)  
 James Brooks (*friend of many at Grace*)  
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)  
 Marianne Butts (*mother of Deb Maxwell*)  
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)  
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 Nora DeMots (*daughter of Wendy and Corwin Will*)  
 Charles Dietz (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)  
 Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)  
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 Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)  
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 Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Barbara Gehring (*mother of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
 Rebecca Graves (*daughter of Linda and Scott Street*)  
 Aria Grochowsky (*friend of Pat Allen*)  
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 Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley and Stewart Clarke*)  
 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)  
 Julia Hickey (*daughter of Susan Hickey*)  
 Owen Huffman (*son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman*)  
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 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)  
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Michael and Cate Kanik (*friends of Joe and Eileen Maggio*)  
 Scott Kibler (*relative of April Kibler, father of John, Dan, and Olivia Kibler*)  
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Elaine Kruse (*sister of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse*)

Eunice Larson (*mother of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)  
 Kozena Lofton (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)  
 Anita Lyle (*mother of Dave Lyle*)  
 Patricia M. (*godchild of Pat Anderson*)  
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 Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)  
 Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)  
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 Madeleine Mellinger (*friend of Larry and Carol Garber*)  
 Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)  
 Sharon Mitchell (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)  
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 Paul Nuechterlein (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)  
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 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)  
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

## Benevolence ministries

Maywood Fine Arts

### For those who mourn

**Julie Buesser** (*friend of the Maggio family*)

**William Lamm** (*father of Claudia Wood*)

**Elsie Meyer** (*aunt of John and Mark Bouman*)

### Those serving in the armed services

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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

*Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong ([earmstrong@graceriverforest.org](mailto:earmstrong@graceriverforest.org)) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht ([kathy.lucht@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lucht@gmail.com)) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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## **TODAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall).....	8:45 a.m.
Library Open (self service).....	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Vaccine Clinic (Gym).....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Bible Study (Conference Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation PK-SK (Nursery).....	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation Gr 1-6 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) .....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library).....	9:00 a.m.
<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
National Youth Gathering Information Session (Conference Room).....	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview Lecture (Seminar Rm) .....	3:00 p.m.
<b>Bach Cantata Vespers</b> .....	3:45 p.m.
Cantata Reception (Fellowship Hall) .....	5:15 p.m.

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Dads of Grace (Offsite) .....	7:30 p.m.
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## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Witness Rehearsals (Sanctuary) .....	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) .....	7:00 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

<b>School Chapel Service</b> .....	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Witness Rehearsals (Sanctuary) .....	3:20 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) .....	7:30 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

GriefShare (Conference Room) .....	9:00 a.m.
Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) .....	9:30 a.m.
Witness Rehearsals (Sanctuary) .....	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Woman's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) .....	7:30 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Oktoberfest Decorating Party (Gym).....	9:00 a.m.
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