



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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 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. Stop by the front desk to learn more.

As We Gather

Now in the final days of his life, Jesus, with his message of grace and mercy, has managed to turn nearly everyone against him. The Pharisees and Herodians are bitter enemies but united in their opposition to Jesus. So, they come to trap him with a question about taxes. It is a question wrapped up in the deep matters of empire and religion, allegiance and allocation. Jesus answers their question with a question. He then proclaims that we are to render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, unto God what is God's. This is no mere separation into separate spheres. Rather, Jesus calls us to deep engagement with the broken world around us while reminding us that this broken world belongs to the God who has come to save it. For while Caesar's head may mark our coins, we bear the image of another.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 149

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: O God of Every Nation

ELW #713



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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



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



2 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, raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.



✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him —
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: Ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

- L Sing to the Lord | a new song;*
 sing to the Lord, all | the whole earth.
- G **Sing to the Lord and | bless his name;***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.
- L Declare his glory a- | mong the nations*
 and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- G **For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;***
he is more to be feared | than all gods.
- L As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;*
 but it is the Lord who | made the heavens.
- G **Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!
- L Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples;*
 ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.
- G **Ascribe to the Lord the honor | due his name;***
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.
- L Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;*
 let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.
- G **Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!***
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."
- L Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all | that is in it;*
 let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- G **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**
before the Lord | when he comes,*
when he comes to | judge the earth.
- L He will judge the | world with righteousness*
 and the peoples | with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

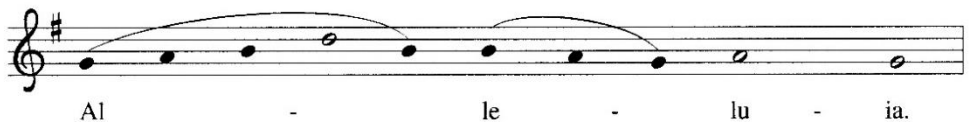
GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 2:15, 16

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

G **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Shine like stars in the world;
holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

G **REFRAIN**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Imagine That

Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 22:15–22



HYMN OF THE DAY: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

(green) LBW #542

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Paul Bunjes.



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and



a - tion, the God of love who un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, his eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the



his sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls he fills
nev - er sleep - ing; with - in the king - dom of his might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord
won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne,



and ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
all things are just and good and right; to God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored:
for God is God, and he a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1560–1615

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/ANTHEM: We, the Children, Lift Our Voices

Hal H. Hopson

We, the children, lift our voices, with a song, each heart rejoices.
Sing we praise to God who made us, in whose arms so gently holds us.
Laudate Dominum. God is the song and the joy of our life.

Moon and stars in their own courses tell the might that God enforces.
Nest'ling birds, they tell the story, tell of God's own care and glory.
Laudate Dominum. God is the song and the joy of our life.

When the night is dark and dreary, when the days are long and weary,
God is there beyond all knowing, love and goodness every showing.
Laudate Dominum. God is the song and the joy of our life.

For such love and tender caring, all through life we must be sharing
songs of thanks be ever raising, to our God with endless praising.

Hal H. Hopson

OFFERTORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

Donald Busarow

The cup of blessing which we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ.
The bread which we break is a participation in the body of Christ.
Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

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 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.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ⓟ 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.**

Ⓟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

Ⓟ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

*The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*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: God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Helen Kemp

God, who touches earth with beauty, make me lovely too.
With thy spirit recreate me, make my heart anew.
Allelu, allelu! Gloria, gloria! Jubilate Deo!

Like the springs and running waters, make me crystal pure.
Like thy rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.
Allelu, allelu! Gloria, gloria! Jubilate Deo!

Like the dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free.
Like the straightness of the pine trees, let me upright be.
Allelu, allelu! Gloria, gloria! Jubilate Deo!

God, who touches earth with beauty, make me lovely too.
Keep me ever, by your spirit, pure and strong and true.
Allelu, allelu! Gloria, gloria! Jubilate Deo!

Mary S. Edgar, alt., 1889–1973

HYMN: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW #580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.

G 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.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.



SENDING HYMN: All My Hope on God Is Founded

(blue) **WOV #782**

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by David Brackley.



1. All my hope on God is found-ed who will all my trust re - new, who through
2. Mor - tal pride and earth-ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust; what with
3. Great thy good-ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom, pass - ing thought; splen - dor,
4. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -



change and chance will guide me, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - care and toil we fash - ion, tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy light and life at - tend thee, beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall



known, from thy throne call my heart to be thine own.
pow'r, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
more from God's store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
call one and all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
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MICHAEL
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: All My Hope on God Is Founded

Michael Burkhardt

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Christine Nelson, assisting minister
Paulette Reddel, deacon
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Grace Parish Choir, choir
3-4 Grade Choir, choir
Johanna Johnson, conductor
Kathryn Jandeska, Gwen Gotsch, lectors
Luke Murphy, Evelyn Walsh, crucifer/Bible bearer
Bob Jandeska, Lois Harb, gift bearers
Thomas Ewert, Eliza Grahnke, Mary Rasmusson,
Chuck Shea, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers
Catherine Amato, Liz Hanson, altar guild
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Larry Caponigri	Hena Gantepalli	Karen McMahon	Lance Wilkening
Stewart Clarke	Galen Gockel	Dave Moeller	
Yvonne Daniels	Susan Hammon	Rob Ransom	

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

Barbara Andre (*neighbor of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)

Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)

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Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)

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Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)

Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Barbara Gehring (*mother of Stephanie Wilkening*)

Rose Geiseman (*wife of Jack Geiseman, daughter-in-law of Otto Geiseman*)

Rebecca Graves (*daughter of Linda and Scott Street*)

Aria Grochowsky (*friend of Pat Allen*)

Joshua Grose (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

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*)

Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)

Rina Jacobius (*friend of Al Swanson*)

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*)

Gayle Killey (*uncle of Julie Modrich*)

Fred Klawiter (*friend of Carolyn and Larry Garber*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)

Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Elaine Kruse (*sister of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse*)

Marcia Kruse (*mother-in-law of Carl Wahlstrom*)

Kozene Lofton (*friend of Pat Anderson*)

John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)

Anita Lyle (*mother of Dave Lyle*)

Naomi Mahler (*daughter of LaNell Mahler Koenig*)

Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)

Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)

Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)

Madeleine Mellinger (*friend of Larry and Carol Garber*)

Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)

Sharon Mitchell (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Karen Murphy (*Grace School parent*)

Dwight Nelson (*father of Annalise Nelson Balock*)

Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*relatives of Eunice Spurgat*)

Paul Nuechterlein (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Sharon Peridis (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)

James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)

Meera Rajagopal (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Judy Redheffer (*daughter of Virginia Walker*)

Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)

Paula Reynolds (*friend of Kay Bowers and Katie Wasson*)

John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)

Janet Rouseff (*sister-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Leah Stanger (*daughter-in-law of Carol and John Stanger*)

Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)

Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)

Al Toepfer (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)

Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)

Kathy Waltner-Toews (*relative of Jim Scherer and Susan Scherer*)

Rose Waltner-Graber (*relative of Jim Scherer and Susan Scherer*)

Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)

Dorothy Weedman (*grandmother of Katharine Roller*)

Renee Westman (*relative of Carol Prinz*)

Amy Wischusen (*relative of Ann Mason*)

Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan and David Franzone*)

Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)

Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA – International Women Leaders

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 studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

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) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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TODAY, OCTOBER 22

Library Open (self service).....	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grace Gathers (Gym).....	8:45 a.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 1-4 (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation Gr 5-8 (Fellowship Hall).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office).....	11:15 a.m.
Mentor Sunday (School Library).....	11:15 a.m.
Teen Talk Brunch (Offsite).....	11:15 a.m.
Chicago Choral Artists Concert (Sanctuary).....	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Stephen Ministry (Church Library).....	7:00 p.m.
Endowment Committee (Virtual).....	7:00 p.m.
Dads of Grace (Offsite).....	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room).....	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts (3 rd Floor Commons).....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

School Chapel Service led by 5th Grade	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite).....	7:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Men of Grace (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
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David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor
Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor
F. Dean Lueking, Pastor Emeritus
Michael D. Costello, Cantor
William Koehne, Principal
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