



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 8, 2024

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

Today's flowers are sponsored by Deb Schmidt-Rogers in celebration of the 10th birthday of Nelia Collier and Sienna Rogers.

As We Gather

Today's texts all point to restoration and wholeness, but it's not always easy to get there. God's people hear that before they return home, they will live through a dry desert season. In Jesus' time, people are limited by realities both spiritual and physical. This brave Gentile woman, desperate to find healing for her daughter, is even rebuffed by Jesus. He doesn't simply say no; he calls her a dog. But with a mother's faith, she persists. In Jesus, we see the world begin to turn. He not only relents, he rebukes the demon afflicting her daughter from afar. Then, he opens the mouth and the ears of a man brought to Jesus by his friends. None of these journeys are easy, and none are the same. So it is for us. But these stories do end with songs and joyful sounds of praise. Made whole, how can we keep from singing? Given faith, how can we not do the works our Father intends?



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: God, Whose Almighty Word

Paul Laubengayer

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: God, Whose Almighty Word

(green) **LBW #400**



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ 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.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God,
throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.
Open us to the power of your presence,
and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

- ℣ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ☩ **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,***
for there is no | help in them.
- ℣ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*

and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ☩ **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,***
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- ℣ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*

who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
- ☩ **who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,***
and food to | those who hunger.
- ℣ The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;*

the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
- ☩ **the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;***
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- ℣ The Lord shall | reign forever;*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1–17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 4:4

Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



L Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:24–37

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

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

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre.

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Whole Notes

Pastor David R. Lyle
Mark 7:24–37

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

(green) **LBW #380**

Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in a harmonization by Michael D. Costello.



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret
way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT. *Gesang-Buch*, Nürnberg, 1676

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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.**

We sit.

INSTALLATION OF GRACE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: O Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True

Paul Manz

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 12:11–13

Carl Schalk

Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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

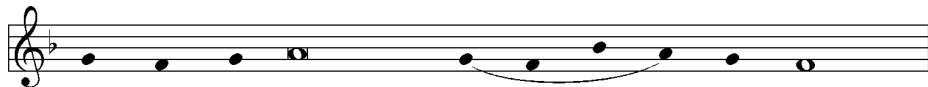
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

- P Holy God,
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners
 and to become food for the world.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☩ Amen.

℟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**☩ 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.**

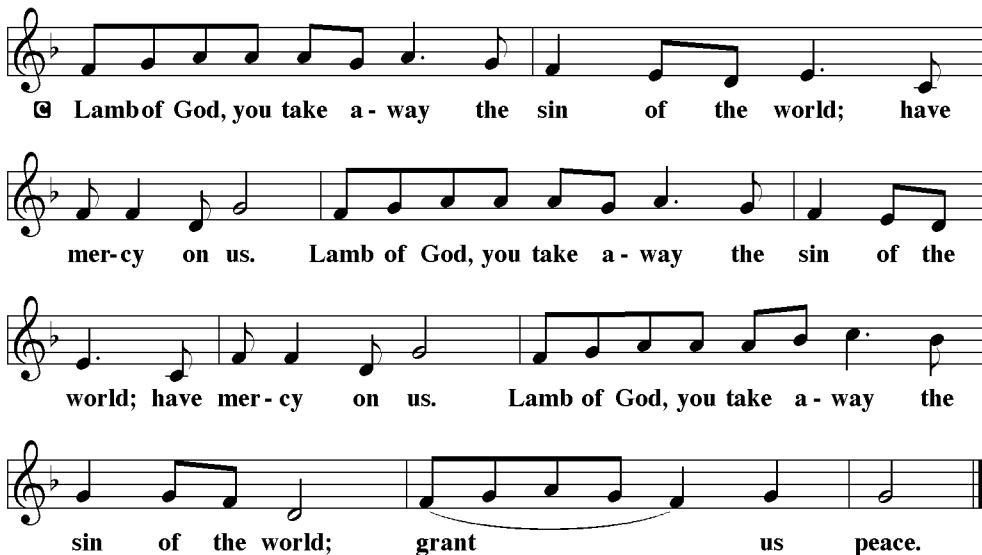
℟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ 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.

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: Let Nothing Ever Grieve You, Op. 30

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve you, upset you, distress you.
Be still and know that God will calm your spirit.
Why vex all day in sadness?
Tomorrow God's kindness will come to you with mercy unceasing.
Be true in all your efforts and also have courage.
God's loving care will evermore protect you. Amen.

Paul Flemming (1609–1640); English text by Robert C. Mann

HYMN: Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW #726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly
 2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er



things have ta-ken; and let the ears that heard your
 all de-cep-tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
 lured to wan-der; but lead the faith-ful nour-ished



word to false-hood nev-er wak-en.
 love and sharp-en their per-cep-tion.
 here to jour-ney on in splen-dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
 Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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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.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of those
 whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

TABLE PRAYER

The following table prayer is sung once through by the choir, then repeated by all.

canon begins here

Come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and let thy
gifts to us be blest. A - men, a -
men, a - men.

Text: Martin Luther
Music: Carl F. Schalk

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(green) **LBW #559**

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Toccata on AZMON

Paul Bouman

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Rich Schubkegel, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Rebecca Dahlstrom, Al Swanson, lectors

Natalie Fleisch, Laney Juel, crucifer/Bible bearer

Lois Harb, Tom Thomas, gift bearers

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LET US PRAY...

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Miriam Bretscher	Louis Elia	Patricia Herendeen	Marge Sanger
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Franzone	Phyllis Kersten	Rhea Sprecher
Marilyn Busse	Hena Gantepalli	John Lattyak	Bob Taylor
Dan Cattau	Susan Hammon	Carol Prinz	Linda Webb

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 Dave Ambler (*uncle of Andy Massmann*)
 Diane Bean (*friend of Julie Hinz*)
 Rich Beer (*father-in-law of Emily Beer*)
 Bob Benke (*friend of many at Grace*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)
 Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)
 Ismail Abul Boshier (*father of Grace's first refugee family*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Rich Brooks (*friend of many at Grace*)
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
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 Ethan Douglas (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
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 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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 Jill Sunderman (*mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski*)
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 Kathleen Trower-Young (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Beyond Hunger (OPRF Pantry)

In thanksgiving for

The faculty and staff of Grace Church and School as we begin a new school year
Marlene Hallman, moving to Huntley, IL, for her many years of ministry at Grace

For those who mourn

Ken Heppner

Mark Rudy (*brother of John Rudy*)

Those serving in the armed services

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Dave Moeller

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

David Franzone

Pat Scala

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Karen McMahon

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 (eamstrong@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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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Library open (self-service) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion..... 10:00 a.m.
 Church/School Picnic (Fellowship Hall/Playground)..... 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Finance Committee (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Faith Forum – formerly Retired Leaders
(Church Library)..... 11:00 a.m.
 Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)..... 7:00 p.m.
 Property Committee (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.
 Health Cabinet (Church Library) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
 Scout Meeting (3rd Floor Commons)..... 7:00 p.m.
 Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Finding Hope (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.
 Visitation for Mary Madson (Atrium) 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Service for Mary Madson 11:00 a.m.

David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor
Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor
F. Dean Lueking, Pastor Emeritus
Michael D. Costello, Cantor
Taylor-Imani Gates, Principal
Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Julie Hinz, Discipleship and Fellowship Coordinator
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