



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 Mike and Chrissy Nelson in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

As We Gather

No matter how many times we hear these words they still sound a bit jarring. Even after our baptism where the cross was indelibly marked on our brow, we still fight this new life. A cruciform life is not the mold of this world. This talk of losing our lives and taking up our cross seems a bit much or just too familiar. How would we do that? Losing looks like letting go. Dying looks like stepping back or aside. Forfeiting our life is like conceding our own agendas, loosening our fists and quieting our tongue from its obsession with defending ourselves. On this water-washed journey of ours we trust that on the other side of every death is life, salvation, and a spaciousness that is ours in Christ. The life of the baptized is one of daily dying and rising. We are invited to give it up and find Christ bearing us up into a new future. Let's follow Jesus, cross and all. It is always worth it in the end.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Prelude on KINGSFOLD

Robert Lind

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G 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.

G 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,

G 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.

G Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Christ is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,
2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.
who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark - ness of the womb.
whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin - dling for the pyre.
cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,
Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,
Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,
Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien
Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **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.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,
and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives.

Grant that for the sake of the gospel
we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross,
and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens —
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

- ℣ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- ☩ **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;*
I came to | grief and sorrow.**
- ℣ Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:*
"O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."
- ☩ **Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;*
our God is full | of compassion.**
- ℣ The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;*
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.
- ☩ **Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.*
for the Lord has treat- | ed you well.**
- ℣ For you have rescued my | life from death,*
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- ☩ **I will walk in the presence | of the Lord*
in the land | of the living.**

SECOND READING: James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 Peter 3:18

Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

G **REFRAIN** (*below*)



L Christ suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous in order to bring you to God.

G **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27–38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Practicing Death, Finding Resurrection

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

(green) **LBW #398**



- 1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said, “if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight per - vade your soul with vain a - - larm;
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
- 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
his strength shall bear your spir - it up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
for you the Lord en - dured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.
for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: NUN LASST UNS DEN LEIB BEGRABEN, G. Rhau, *Neue deutsche geistliche Gesenge*, 1544



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 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

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said, BWV 1111

J. S. Bach

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 14:6–8

Carl Schalk

Those who observe this day observe it in honor of the Lord.

Those also who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God.

None of us live alone, and none of us die alone.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die we die to the Lord;

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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



GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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, 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.

☐ 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.**

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

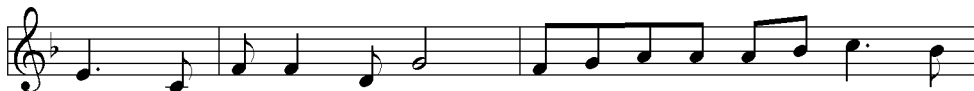
AGNUS DEI



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: Who Is the One We Love the Most

Carl Schalk

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,
To whom we give the years we live: let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Count every heartbeat, every breath, trace every step from birth to death,
Track every second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,
The rising sun, and every one: let that be you, our God, our Lord!

A love no other god has shown, your Son upon a cross makes known.
How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,
If not with whole heart, mind, and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

Jaroslav J. Vajda

HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me


ELW #798




- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
- 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
- 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your	name?	Will	you	go	where	you	don't
your	name?	Will	you	care	for	cruel	and
your	name?	Will	you	set	the	pris -	'ners
your	name?	Will	you	quell	the	fear	in -
my	name.	Let	me	turn	and	fol -	low




 know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



 name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



 grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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.

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.




SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

(green) **LBW #377**

The choir sings stanzas two and four in a setting by Carl F. Schalk.

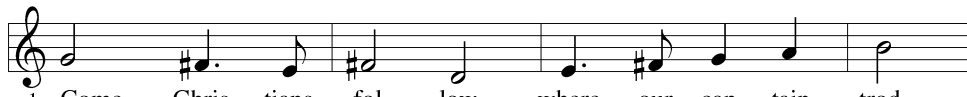
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till




all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Lift High the Cross

Charles W. Ore

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister

Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Eunice Eifert, David Simpson, lectors

Katharina Sonksen, Charlie Terry, crucifer/Bible bearer

Kathryn Jandeska, Mike Gillespie, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Marcia Nolan, Gerlinde VanDriesen, Susan Weber, ushers

Liz Hanson, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Susie Calhoun, greeters

Al Swanson, Liz Hanson, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Dan Cattau	Marilyn Gotsch	John Lattyak	Linda Webb

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 Dave Ambler (*uncle of Andy Massmann*)
James Barkenquast (*father of Laura Becker*)
 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*)
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 Martin Marty (*friend of Dean and Beverly Lueking*)
 Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)
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 Tom Moeller (*brother of Sharon Kluge*)
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 John Norris (*friend of Al Swanson*)
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 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic

In thanksgiving for

The 20th wedding anniversary of **Mike** and **Chrissy Nelson**

Greta Ford, completing treatment for leukemia (*daughter of Rachel Modahl and Adam Ford, granddaughter of Jackie and Bruce Modahl*)

For those who mourn

Bob Taylor

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 (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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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Library open (self-service).....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Crucifer and book bearer training (Sanctuary).....	8:30 a.m.
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Gr 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation with Parents (School Library)	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:00 a.m.
New Members Class (Senior Pastor Office).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Crucifer and book bearer training (Sanctuary).....	11:30 a.m.
Grief Share–Loss of Spouse Seminar (Church Library)	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Evangelism Committee (Offsite)	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Knitting Group (Church Library).....	1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Grief Share (Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)	6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

GPO Trivia Night (Fellowship Hall).....	7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)	7:00 p.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5 th & 6 th Grade Service Outing (Feed My Starving Children).....	4:00 p.m.
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