



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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025

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 Dick and Susie Calhoun as they celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **We Gather**

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.**

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

*(green)* **LBW #31**



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her  
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,  
an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es; "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
with the choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your - selves to meet the  
Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we  
what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -



Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.  
sound; where you have bid us dine with you.  
what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -

## 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



Ⓜ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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** Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✝ WORD ✝

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: Let your lovingkindness be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

- L Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!\*  
 Happy the people he has chosen to | be his own!
- G **The Lord looks | down from heaven,\*  
 and beholds all the people | in the world.**
- L From where he sits enthroned he | turns his gaze\*  
 on all who dwell | on the earth.
- G **He fashions all the | hearts of them\*  
 and understands | all their works.**
- L There is no king that can be saved by a | mighty army;\*  
 a strong man is not delivered by | his great strength.
- G **The horse is a vain hope | for deliverance;\*  
 for all its strength it | cannot save.**
- L Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon | those who fear him,\*  
 on those who wait up- | on his love,
- G **to pluck their | lives from death,\*  
 and to feed them in | time of famine.**
- L Our soul waits | for the Lord;\*  
 he is our help | and our shield.
- G **Indeed, our heart rejoic- | es in him,\*  
 for in his holy name we | put our trust.**
- L Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,\*  
 as we have put our | trust in you.



## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**C** Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 12:32–40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

David R. Lyle  
Luke 12:32–40

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Have No Fear, Little Flock

*(green)* **LBW #476**



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** **Amen.**

# ✠ MEAL ✠

## PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

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

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Trio in G minor, Op. 49, No. 1

Josef Rheinberger

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** In the Singing

**ELW #466**



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## 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.

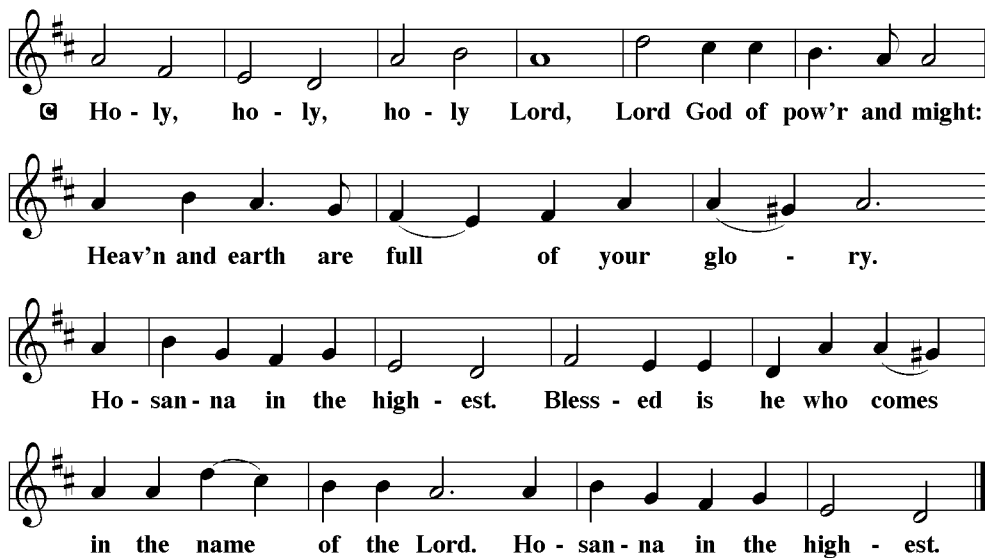
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, 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.

- P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
 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 death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

**ℙ** 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.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

**ℙ** Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

## AGNUS DEI



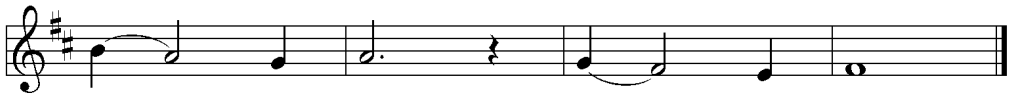
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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:** Panis Angelicus

César Franck

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum.  
Pauper, servus et humilis.*

The angelic bread becomes the bread of humans;  
The heavenly bread ends all prefigurations:  
What wonder! consumes the Lord  
A poor and humble servant.

# HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(green) LBW #456



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877  
Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

*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.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

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

**G Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*(green)* **LBW #320**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

## DISMISSAL

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Paul Manz

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Christa Krout, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Ngairé Whiteside-Bull, soloist

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Bob Jandeska, Susan Scherer, gift bearers

Mike Gillespie, Eliza Grahnke, Mary Rasmusson, Scott Schwar, Susan Weber, ushers

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Susan Bogner, Kathryn Jandeska, Scott Street, greeters

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**Jose Hernandez** (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
 Emily Hildner (*relative of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)  
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Suzanne Kasang (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)  
 Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)  
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Elaine Kruse (*sister of Margaret Kruse and Roberta Gillespie*)  
 Dorothy Kubala (*mother of Cindy Rohlfing and Lori Marchi*)  
 Carol Laesch (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)

**Christine Lehmann** (*daughter-in-law of Dan and Julie Lehmann*)  
 Cordy and Mike MacDonald (*friends of Jen Murtoff*)  
 Drake Martinez (*student of Deb Maxwell*)  
 Kathy Maxwell (*cousin of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)  
 Connie Melvin (*cousin of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
 Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)  
 Margaret Murphy (*mother of John Murphy*)  
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)  
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)  
 Karen Nelson (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)  
**Carolyn Newberg** (*sister of Kathryn Jandaska*)  
 Gloria Nuechterlein (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 John Pecoraro (*cousin of Susan Hickey*)  
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)  
 Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)  
 Marianne Ruff (*mother of Karen Murphy*)  
 Sam Schlosser (*relative of Susan Scherer*)  
 Michael Silha (*friend of Carolyn and Larry Garber*)  
 Stacy and Mark (*friends of Case and Pat Hoogendoorn*)  
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)  
 Chris and Sue Swanson (*cousins of Al Swanson*)  
 Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)  
 Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)  
 Chris Thannum (*cousin of Chrissy Nelson*)  
 Gaylord Thomas (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)  
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)  
 Dave Wick (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)  
 Abe Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)  
 Michael Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)  
 Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

## Benevolence ministries

Center for Christian Education

### In thanksgiving for

The 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Dick and Susie Calhoun**

The baptism of **Avery Nicole Valencia** (*daughter of Lindsay and Andrew Valencia, granddaughter of Kevin and Laura Clauss*)

### Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

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*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

### Those studying abroad

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

### Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Christopher Davis

David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Dave Moeller

Carol Prinz

Tim Sandvoss

Kathleen Wrobel

### 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, AUGUST 10

Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Worship – Holy Communion** ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Grace Coffee Hour (Atrium)..... **11:15 a.m.**

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Elementary Ed. Committee (1902 Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Cornerstones Fellowship (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Social Ministry (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.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  
**Amanda Smith**, Communications Coordinator  
**Jim McClanahan**, Director of Administration & Finance  
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