



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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 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 in loving memory of Ruth Laux by Dianne Laux and the Muraiti family.

We Gather

Life and death are set before us. Which will we choose? Too often in this world, we cling to our false ideas of life only to end up swept away by systems of death. We demean and diminish others to put ourselves ahead. It leads nowhere. Into this mess, Jesus proclaims a revolutionary idea: Give up everything and follow him. It will cost us everything. Our relationships, our possessions, our lives. It is exactly here, however, in the act of letting go, that we find ourselves with empty hands ready to receive all that God has to give. In his dying and rising, Jesus creates a new family in which all are welcome. A family committed to life.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Two Settings: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Paul Manz and Michael D. Costello

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: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

(green) **LBW #487**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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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

Glo - ry to God in the high-est and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
king, al-might-y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo - ry to God in the
high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath-er, 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 Fath - er: re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high-est and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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 Fath - er. A - - - men. Glo - ry to
 God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help,
 that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
 we may glorify your holy name;
 and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: They are like trees that are planted by streams of water.

℣ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

☩ **Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law | day and night.**

℣ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;*
everything they | do shall prosper.

☩ **It is not so | with the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

℣ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

☩ **For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,*
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE: Psalm 119:135

John Helgen

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

G **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

G **REFRAIN**



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT. Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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,
G **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.
G **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: O God, My Faithful God

Michael Burkhardt

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 12:11–13

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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



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.*

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael D. Costello

All my hope on God is founded
Who will all my trust renew,
Who through change and chance will guide me,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
Call my heart to be thine own,

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray our trust;
What with care and toil we fashion,
Tow'r and temple, fall to dust,
But thy pow'r hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tow'r.

Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
Deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
Splendor, light, and life attend thee,
Beauty springing out of nought.
Evermore from thy store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all;
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander, 1650-1680
para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt (PD)

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.

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

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

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Thomas Gieschen

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

Susie Calhoun, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Mary Beth Logas, Kathryn Jandeska, lectors

Natalie Fleisch, Angelina Guzman, crucifer/book bearer

Richard Calhoun, Paula Stephens, gift bearers

Diana Sicuro, Linda Bernard, anointers

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Bruce Cordes	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger	
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 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)
 Stan Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Michael Bullock (*father of Keith Bullock*)
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 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
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 Dave Wick (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)
 Michael Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)
 Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

Maywood Fine Arts

In thanksgiving for

The alumni of Grace Lutheran School

For those who mourn

Maria Garcia Bolivar (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)

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

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Joan Koerber

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@gracriverforest.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 7

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.
Adult Ed Committee..... 11:15 a.m.
GLS Reunion Tour 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Faith Forum (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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 11

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.
Compline Service (on Zoom)..... 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Finding Hope (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Grief Share – Loss of a Spouse (Seminar Room)..... 9:00 a.m.

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