



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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21, 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**

Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please see the front desk for details.

## **We Gather**

This week we are confronted with two kinds of economies. Both seem to be personified. Like living beings. There are the old ways of the world. A tale as old as time. The rich get richer at the expense of the poor. People are trampled upon as others rush to receive the fruits of their labor. Transactions abound. It is all a part of the game. It is about bootstraps. Effort. Earning our way. About you and me proving our place. The other is about Jesus Christ and his effort. The one mediator between God and humanity. He gives up his own life as a ransom. A transaction completed by death and resurrection. In God's economy it has all been taken care of. The books have not been cooked but destroyed all together. Torn like the curtain in the temple. It is grace from start to finish. Now we live for others. And counting the cost? That wouldn't be worth it anyway.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Be Thou My Vision

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: Take My Life, That I May Be**

*(green)* **LBW #406**

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love; Choir 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King; 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold; The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise. take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee. take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Choir 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

**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.

God among us,

we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.

Keep our feet from evil paths.

Turn our minds to your wisdom

and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4–7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
⁶buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 113

Jonathan Oblander

ANTIPHON: The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.

℣ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;\*  
praise the name | of the LORD.

✠ **Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,\*  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

℣ From the rising of the sun to its | going down\*  
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

✠ **The LORD is high a- | bove all nations,\*  
and his glory a- | bove the heavens.**

℣ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits en- | throned on high,\*  
but stoops to behold the heavens | and the earth?

✠ **He takes up the weak out | of the dust\*  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes.**

℣ He sets them | with the princes,\*  
with the princes | of his people.

✠ **He makes the woman of a | childless house\*  
to be a joyful moth- | er of children.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —

this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

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

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** Philippians 1:27

John Helgen

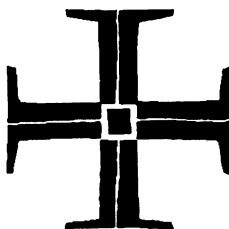
**Choir** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**G** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;  
strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.

**G** **REFRAIN**



## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–13**

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

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:** Transaction Complete

Troy E. Medlin  
Amos 8:4–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

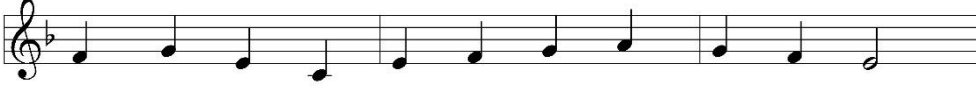
*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: All Depends on Our Possessing**


(green) **LBW #447**



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and  
2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y  
Choir 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -  
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the long - ing  
5 If on earth my days he length - en, God my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.  
new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.  
hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.  
soul will strength - en; all my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are  
He who did so gent - ly school me, he who dai - ly  
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y  
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er; as God wills, so  
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.  
be it ev - er; to him I com - mit my way.  
way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: *Gesang-Buch*, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.  
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

## **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:** All Depends on Our Possessing

Michael D. Costello

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** John 15:1, 4–5

Carl F. Schalk

I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser.

Abide in me and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine,  
neither can you, unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me, and I in them will bear much fruit.

### 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** 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.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

### HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

(blue) **WOV #776**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
Music: SLANE, Irish tune

**ANTHEM:** Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee of all things best,  
And wounde my heart in thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

15th century prayer

*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: Founded on Faith

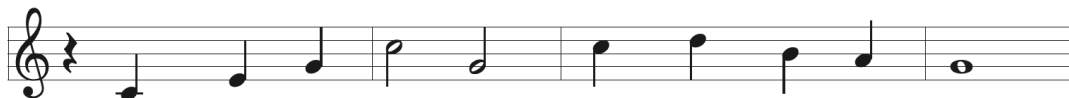
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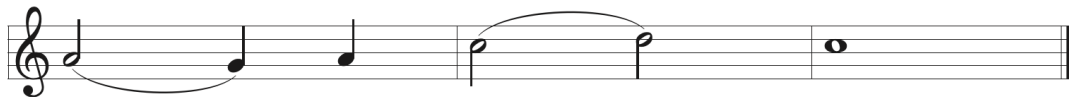
All 1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
 High Voices 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.  
 Choir 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.  
 All 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,  
 Low Voices 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em-pow'ed to serve,  
 All 6 Praise to the Fa - ther for our u - ni - ty!



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.  
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;  
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.  
 Praise to the Son, whose blood has set us free!



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts we say:  
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.  
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.  
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!  
 Praise to the Spir - it! Bles - ed Trin - i - ty!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber

Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber

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## DISMISSAL

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Fugue in C Major, BWV 547b

Johann Sebastian Bach

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Ed Mason, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Al Swanson, Eileen Maggio, lectors

Sophie Galeener, Sam Schueler, crucifer/book bearer

Larry Caponigri, Bob Jandeska, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Susan Weber, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Liz Hanson, altar guild

Neal Armstrong, Susan Bogner, Mary Jane Keitel, greeters

Liz Hanson, Eunice Eifert, audio/video

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# LET US PRAY...

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Harmony Community Church of Chicago Food Pantry

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The birth of **Teresa Ann Race** (*daughter of Ellie and Nathan Race, granddaughter of Doug and Ann Anderson, great-granddaughter of Dean and Beverly Lueking*)

The birth of **Audrey Rae Hoyem** (*daughter of Peter and Emily Hoyem, granddaughter of David and Carole Hoyem*)

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

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

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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*)

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David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

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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](mailto:earmstrong@graceriverforest.org)) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht ([kathy.lucht@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lucht@gmail.com)) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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## TODAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Library Open (self-service)..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery)..... **9:00 a.m.**  
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons)..... **9:00 a.m.**  
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)..... **9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship – Holy Communion**..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Mentor Sunday, Grade 9 (Youth Center) ..... **11:15 a.m.**

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Dads of Grace (Offsite) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**School Chapel Service** ..... **8:25 a.m.**  
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Cub Scouts (1-2 Common Room)..... **4:30 p.m.**  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) ..... **9:30 a.m.**  
Grief Share (Conference Room)..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:30 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Men Of Grace (Youth Center)..... **9:00 a.m.**

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