



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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

Ignorance may be bliss, but any lawyer will tell you it's not much of a defense. Even worse is willful ignorance. God's Law shows no exception. The rich of Amos's day, lounging in luxury while the country and the poor go to rot, are called out. They may ignore the needy for the moment, but when judgment comes they will be the first sent into exile. The situation worsens in today's parable. Jesus tells of a rich man who willfully ignored poor Lazarus. In a picture of the afterlife, the barrier of this world is made permanent, but the tables are turned. Lazarus is in glory, the rich man in agony. The rich man pleads for news to be sent to his brothers, as if they don't already know what to do. Their ignorance is willful; they would not even listen to one returned from the dead. And that's just it, isn't it? The resurrection of Jesus is only the first fruits. What we need is for us to die. We need resurrection, and resurrection is exactly what God gives us. We need not live in fear of the flames, but should a life of praise have room for such damnable behavior? For Jesus' sake, it is time to open our gates and lengthen our tables.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050
Affettuoso

J. S. Bach
ed. Lynn Latham

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: God of Grace and God of Glory

(green) **LBW #415**



☐ 1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
☐ 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
Choir 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
☐ 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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.

O God, rich in mercy,

you look with compassion on this troubled world.

Feed us with your grace,

and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed.

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

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

☩ **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.**

℣ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

☩ **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**

℣ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them,*
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

☩ **who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.**

℣ The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;*
the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

☞ the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

℣ The Lord shall | reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 1:27

John Helgen

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

REFRAIN (*below*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19–31

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

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Ignorance Undone

David R. Lyle
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Luke 16:19-31

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

(green) **LBW #433**



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
Choir 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
Choir 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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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: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050
Allegro

J. S. Bach
ed. Lynn Latham

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 3:20–21

Carl F. Schalk

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door,
I will come into them and eat with them, and they with me.
To those who conquer I will grant to sit with me on my throne,
as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- ☐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,
☑ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given—
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

ANTHEM: Lord, Let at Last Thine Angels Come

Hans Leo Hassler

Lord, let at last thine angels come,
To Abraham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
And I will praise thee without end!



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rise Up, O Saints of God

(green) **LBW #383**

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Rise Up, O Saints of God

Barbara Harbach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Kathryn Jandeska, Stacia Taylor, lectors

Eleanor Fleisch, Avery Tan, crucifer/book bearer

Richard Calhoun, Donna Serpico, gift bearers

Eliza Grahne, Paul Koester, Scott Schwar, Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

Donna Serpico, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, altar guild

Ann Mason, Ruth Reko, Allison Tan, greeters

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Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
Elizabeth Kottle (*friend of Bonnie and Bob Shaner*)
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*)
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Cordy and Mike MacDonald (*friends of Jen Murtoff*)
Tom Maggio (*brother of Joe Maggio*)
Sarah Marohl (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner and Art Gustafson*)
Drake Martinez (*student of Deb Maxwell*)
Connie Melvin (*cousin of Stephanie Wilkening*)
Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
Linda Muraski (*relative of John and Carol Stanger*)
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*)
Gloria Nuechterlein (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
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John Pecoraro (*cousin of Susan Hickey*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
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Leona Riley (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
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Stacy and Mark (*friends of Case and Pat Hoogendoorn*)
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Randy Stueve (*friend of Lance Wilkening*)
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Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)
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Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

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In thanksgiving for

The 96th birthday of **John Huber**

For those who mourn

Tom Ricketts (*father of Jessica Allen, Grace School administrative assistant*)

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

Hannah Schubkegel (*Sweden*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

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David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

Carol Prinz

Tim Sandvoss

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Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (eamstrong@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 28

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 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
Adult Ed (Sanctuary).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
High School Brunch (Youth Center).....	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room).....	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.
Cantata Reception (Fellowship Hall).....	5:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Strategic Planning Committee (Offsite).....	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Grief Share (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	6:30 p.m.
Scout Meeting (3 rd Floor Commons).....	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Social Ministry (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Consonance (CCA) Concert (Sanctuary).....	7:30 p.m.
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