



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 LBW and
blue 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 graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 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 the Board of Spiritual Life in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the installation of Pastor David Lyle.

We Gather

It's hard enough to believe that faith will move mountains. But mulberry trees? Why would anyone want to move a mulberry tree? We live in a world of intractable problems. Like Habakkuk, we look around and see rampant violence, suffering, and death. With the prophet, we cry out, "How long?" Lament is the language of honesty. We acknowledge how serious the problems are, and how greatly we've contributed to these problems. They are deep-rooted problems. Just like a mulberry tree. In the midst of such difficulty, Jesus reminds us that we don't need much faith to make a difference. We need not be certain, free of doubt. We just need to trust in Jesus and in the promises of God, the Word to which we look and listen when all seems lost. We keep the faith and do the work set before us, trusting that all will be well in the end.

Handbells in Worship

Grace School's handbell ensemble, the Strike Team, is helping to lead worship this morning. This year's Strike Team is made up of 7 eighth-graders and 8 seventh-graders. Five are returning ringers who rang with the group last year; 10 are new ringers. At the beginning of the school year, junior high students choose whether they will sing in the choir or ring with the Strike Team. It is a year-long commitment.

Playing handbells requires both individual musicianship and the ability to work closely with others. Learning to ring calls for focus and concentration. Kids may struggle a bit on their way to mastering a piece of music, but practice brings improvement and eventually mastery. Experienced ringers go on to become the teachers of the next generation of new ringers.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Processional and Bell Chime

Margaret Tucker

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: Great is Thy Faithfulness

(blue) **WOV #771**



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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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.

Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us.

When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.

When we are cold in love, warm us,

that with fervor we may love our neighbors

and serve them for the sake of your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

^{2:1} Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in the Lord.

- L Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;*
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- G **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,*
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- L Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.
- G **Take delight | in the LORD,*
and he shall give you your | heart's desire.**
- L Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,*
and he will bring | it to pass.
- G **He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light*
and your just dealing | as the noonday.**
- L Be still be- | fore the LORD*
and wait patient- | ly for him.
- G **Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,*
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.**
- L Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;*
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.
- G **For evildoers shall | be cut off,*
but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.**



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:5–10

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Faith to Move Mulberries

David R. Lyle
Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4; Luke 17:5–10



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Spirit of Life

(blue) WOV #680

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,

in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
make us to love your sa - cred word;
en - light - en us by that same word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from God's great throne,
un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
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O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948
Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

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: Danza

Kevin McChesney

We stand as the gifts are presented.

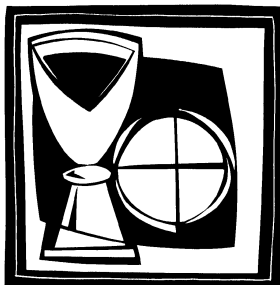
OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 34:8–10

Carl F. Schalk

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want!
The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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.*

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: Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

Joseph Herl
Setting by Scott M. Hyslop

Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
My pearl of incomparable worth.
Its value exceeds every standard of measure,
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me your grace and the power of the Spirit
To value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world,
I inherit your kingdom of glory and light.

Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
Your Word and your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,
Enabling your kingdom to grow.
Empower me, Lord, as I live your commission,
Though humble my service may be,
And bring every planting to perfect fruition,
A mustard seed grown to a tree.

Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
 Of seeds that your mercy has sown;
 But still in our midst is the enemy sowing
 The weeds that imperil your own.
 Sustain me, O Lord, till your day of returning
 And harvest me homeward at last,
 To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,
 Where sorrow and danger are past.

David W. Rogner

HYMN: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(green) **LBW #479**



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

(green) **LBW #259**



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Laura Merwin, assisting minister

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Christine Janzow Phillips, oboe

Strike Team

Gwen Gotsch, conductor

Kathryn Jandeska, Sandy Lentz, lectors

Sophie Galeener, Sam Schueler, crucifer/book bearer

Paulette Reddel, Beth Reynolds, gift bearers

Bob Jandeska, Diana Sicuro, anointers

Mike Gillespie, Tony Stephens, Tom Swanson, Susan Weber, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Marilyn Moehlenkamp, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, Scott Street, greeters

Liz Hanson, Eunice Eifert, audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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MaryBeth Buschmann	Bob Hale	Marge Sanger	Linda Webb
Marilyn Busse	Phyllis Kersten	Gick Schmidt	

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 Steve Arnold (*friend of Dave Lyle*)
Mary Baker (*friend of Karen Eckstein*)
 Bill Batte (*friends of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Stan Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Michael Bullock (*father of Keith Bullock*)
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Benevolence ministries

Lawndale Christian Legal Center

In thanksgiving for

The installation of **Bishop Yehiel Curry** as Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The tenth anniversary of the installation of **Pastor David Lyle**

The birth of **Ellie Sue VanNest** (*daughter of Monica and Clayton VanNest, great-granddaughter of Carl Gruendler*)

For those who mourn

Jeanette Koski (*mother of Jill Koski*)

Michael Bullock (*father of Keith Bullock*)

Cordy MacDonald (*friend of Jen Murtoff*)

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

Jayne Chilton

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Karen McMahon

Carol Prinz

Bruce Cordes

Patricia Herendeen

Susan Messerli

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Joan Koerber

Dave Moeller

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, OCTOBER 5

- Library Open (self-service) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Vaccine Clinic (Gym) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office)..... 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery) 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3rd Floor Commons) 9:00 a.m.
- Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center) 9:00 a.m.
- Adult Education (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Holy Communion** 10:00 a.m.
- Confirmation rehearsal (Sanctuary) 11:15 a.m.
- Reception for Pastor Lyle (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.
- Consonance (CCA) Concert (Sanctuary) 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- Breakfast Group (Church Library) 10:15 a.m.
- Health Committee (Church Library) 7:00 p.m.
- Property Committee (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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 9

- Grief Share (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.
- Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.
- Compline on Zoom** 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Finding Hope (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.
- Building Closes at 12:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Blessing of the Animals** (Outside on Bonnie Brae) 10:00 a.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**, Ministry Engagement Coordinator
- Amanda Smith**, Communications Coordinator
- Jim McClanahan**, Director of Administration & Finance
- David Pfeiffer**, Facilities Manager
- José Meza**, Technology Manager