



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 gracriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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 Julie Modrich in thanksgiving and celebration of our confirmands who will affirm their promises of baptism during worship today.

We Gather

The life of faith is not a life of easy answers or problem-free living. Oftentimes, we're hanging on in the night, hoping dawn brings something better. Other times, we're banging on the door in the night, asking for justice to come. So it was for Jacob at the ford of the Jabbok, and so it was for the widow in Jesus' parable. Amazingly, the God to whom we cling is already holding on to us. Today, nine young people will have their baptismal promises affirmed. In Confirmation, they now say "yes" to the "yes" God spoke to them in baptism. This promise does not mean a life of ease, but it does mean God will always be with them. Like Jacob, they will not leave their encounter with God unchanged. They will receive a new name, borne by all the baptized: Child of God.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: String Quartet in E-flat Major
I. Adagio ma non troppo

Fanny Hensel

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: O Word of God Incarnate

(green) **LBW #231**



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,
you are always ready to hear our cries.

Teach us to rely day and night on your care.

Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

ANTHEM: Oh, Sing to the Lord

Brazilian folk tune
arr. Harriet Ziegenhals

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
Oh, sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia!
Oh, sing to our God.

Brazilian folk song
Spanish and English translations by Gerhard Cartford

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22–31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

℣ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?

☩ **My help comes | from the Lord,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

℣ He will not let your | foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

☩ **Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel*
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

℣ the Lord himself watches | over you;*
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,

☩ **so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.**

℣ The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

☩ **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,*
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Whatever God Ordains Is Right

(green) **LBW #446**



- All** 1 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; his will is just and ho - ly.
All 2 What - ev - er God or - dains is right, and he will not de - ceive us.
Choir 3 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; all that he does is for us.
All 4 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; he guides our joy and sad - ness.



He holds us in his per - fect might; in him, our lives are god - ly.
He leads us in the way of light and will not ev - er leave us.
He heals our souls and gives us sight and puts no ill be - fore us.
He is our life and bless - ed light; in him a - lone is glad - ness.



He is our God and all we need, the Fa - ther who pre -
In him we rest, who makes the best of all the stum - bling
Our God is true; he makes us new; our lives are built up -
We see his face, the way of grace; he holds us in his



serves us still; to him we bend each heart and will.
turns we take and loves us for his mer - cy's sake.
on his rock, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
might - y arm and keeps us safe from ev - 'ry harm.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
Music: WAS GOTT TUT, attr. Severus Gastorius, c. 1675

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We sit.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

L I present these children of God who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Jackson Reid Brayton
Natalie Evalynn Fleisch
Sophia Rose Galeener
Faith Reilly Greig
Julia Vivian Isenberg
Grant Jacob Kuipers
Emily Jean Nichols
Samuel Walter Schueler
Christopher Joshua Morgan

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

G Amen.

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
R I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
R I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
R I renounce them.

We stand.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C **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.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C **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.**

P You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

G **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

Confirmands come forward to the communion rail and kneel.

Parents, grandparents, baptismal sponsors, mentors, and siblings

are invited forward for the laying on of hands. A Bible verse for each individual is read.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm *her/his* faith,
guide *her/his* life,
empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving,
give *her/him* patience in suffering,
and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

G **Amen.**

After all are confirmed, we stand.

P Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

G **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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: Summa

Arvo Pärt

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

Donald Busarow

The cup of blessing which we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ.

The bread which we break is a participation in the body of Christ.

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord

Carl Schalk

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers bright and fair;
And every one who seeks may pluck a lovely cluster there.
Thy word is like a deep, deep mine; and jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its awesome depths for every searcher there.

Thy Word is like a pleasant stream that waters all the land,
Where trees and foliage abound with fruit on every hand.
Thy Word is like a starry host where thousand rays of light
Are seen to guide the traveler and make the pathway bright.

Thy Word is like the Bethlehem star that points us to your Son,
Whose death and resurrection now proclaim the victory won.
Oh, may I love thy precious Word, Lord Jesus. God's own Son,
My life, my truth, my hope, my all, with Father, Spirit, One.

Edwin Hodder, 1837-1904
With additional text by Carl Schalk

HYMN: Day by Day

(blue) WOV #746



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



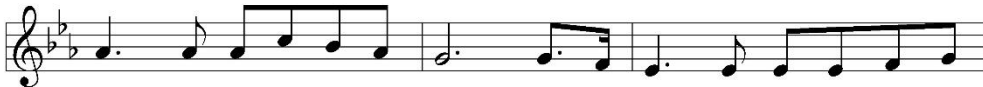
com - fort to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you
 serve and wis-dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres-ence here to



treasure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sorrow till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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ANTHEM: O Jesus, Savior, Stay with Us

Carl F. Schalk

O Jesus, Savior, stay with us
As once You did at Bethany,
Where Mary, Martha, Lazarus
Were blessed to share Your company.
May we, like Martha, service give;
Like Mary, heed Your words and live.

Lord, make the living of our days
An offering beautiful and sweet.
Make every anthem that we raise
A rich anointing of Your feet,
Due homage to our living Head,
Whose power calls to life the dead.

Near Bethany You went away,
Ascending to Your heavenly throne,
But blessed Your followers, that they
Might have no fear of things unknow.
Abide with us, when night draws near,
Forever make your dwelling here.

David Rogner

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: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

(green) LBW #457



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
with their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Rich Schubkegel, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

3–4 Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, conductor

Ann Anderson, flute

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Julie Modrich, Paul Nelson, lectors

Eleanor Fleisch, McKenna Dyer, crucifer/book bearer

Esther Armstrong, Neal Armstrong, gift bearers

Thomas Ewert, Eliza Grahnke, Paul Koester, Mary Rasmusson, Susan Scherer, ushers

Christina Starrick, Linda Street, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Larry Caponigri, Julie Lehmann, greeters

George Hogenson, Al Swason, audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

Joe Anderson	Yvonne Daniels	Mark Lucht	Linda Schwab
Ann Bresnen	Louis Elia	Joe Modrich	Bonnie Shaner
Aron Bresnen	Susan Franzone	Chris Morgan	Rhea Sprecher
Miriam Bretscher	Susan Hammon	Mike Rollheiser	Virginia Walker
MaryBeth Buschmann	Bob Hale	Ron Rott	Linda Webb
Marilyn Busse	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger	
Dan Cattau	Mary Beth Logas	Gick Schmidt	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 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*)
 Lois Cornils (*friend of many at Grace*)
 James Crawford (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Laurel Marie D. (*neighbor of Pat Anderson*)
 Ray Danganan (*cousin of Edward Danganan*)
 David De Jong (*brother-in-law of Mary Beth Logas*)
 Will Edwards (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)
 Patti Enslin (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)
 Judy Firehammer (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Julia Friend (*friend of Susan Franzone*)
 Linda Allen Gotsch (*friend of Roberta Gillespie*)
 Rose and Dan Graber (*cousins of Susan Scherer*)
 Peter H. (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)
 Elizabeth Hammon (*daughter-in-law of Susan Hammon*)
 Joe Hammon (*husband of Susan Hammon*)
 Sara Heiserman (*relative of Carol Prinz*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Jose Hernandez (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
 Emily Hildner (*relative of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
 Lenard Kling (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
 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*)
 Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Christine Lehmann (*daughter-in-law of Dan and Julie Lehmann*)

Bill Lowry (*friend of Bonnie and Bob Shaner*)
 Mike MacDonald (*friend of Jen Murtoff*)
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Lauren Marshall (*friend of Carol Ewald*)
 Drake Martinez (*student of Deb Maxwell*)
John McGinness (*cousin of Cathy Schnittker*)
 Connie Melvin (*cousin of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
 Linda Muraski (*relative of John and Carol Stanger*)
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 Karen Nelson (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)
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 Martin Ottomanelli (*friend of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)
 Leona Riley (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
 Marianne Ruff (*mother of Karen Murphy*)
 Sam Schlosser (*relative of Susan Scherer*)
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 Randy Stueve (*friend of Lance Wilkening*)
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 Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)
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 Tara Thieme (*niece of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Gaylord Thomas (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)
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 Kathy and David Waltner (*cousins of Susan Scherer*)
 Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen Weaver*)
 Linda West (*relative of John and Carol Stanger*)
 Dave Wick (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)
 Michael Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)
 Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

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In thanksgiving for

The Grace Church confirmands affirming their baptism

For those who mourn

Dee Ann Dorsey (*niece of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and Tom Swanson*)

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

Bruce Cordes

Christopher Davis

David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

Carol Prinz

Tim Sandvoss

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (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, OCTOBER 19

Library Open (self-service) **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office)..... **8:45 a.m.**
Adult Education (Fellowship Hall)..... **9:00 a.m.**
No Sunday School or Confirmation Class
Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**
Festival of Hymns (Sanctuary) **7:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Endowment Committee (Virtual) **7:00 p.m.**
Lectures in Church Music – Organ Recital (Sanctuary) **7:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Breakfast Group (Church Library)..... **10:15 a.m.**
Knitting Group (Church Library) **1:00 p.m.**
Church Council (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

School Chapel Service **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Cub Scouts (1-2 Common Room)..... **4:30 p.m.**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) **6:15 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Grief Share (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**
LCFS Foster Parent Info Mtg (Church Library) **5:00 p.m.**
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) **6:30 p.m.**
Scout Meeting (3rd Floor Commons)..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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