



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



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
September 20, 2026

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 grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the 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

Altar flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Stop at the front desk for details and to sign up.

As We Gather

Jesus is at it again. Today's parable hits, perhaps, even closer to home than last week's. Here in the "real world," workers can expect to be rewarded for what they've done, and others can do without. Of course, that's not even true in the "real world," where cheating and corruption run rampant. Still, we persist in our commitment to fairness. But what does the landowner do? He doesn't pay his workers fairly! He scandalously gives those who worked one hour the same as those who worked twelve. This just in: God's ways are not our ways! The landowner works a full day, too, refusing to give up until all are given a place in the vineyard. God can and will do what God chooses to do. In the end, God chooses to give all God has to give, Jesus Christ given for us. We're all here by grace anyway, so why spend time grouching about who got here first?



✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE: Morning Psalm

Mark Jonathan Schiffert

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: Salvation unto Us Has Come

(green) **LBW #297**



- 1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
- 2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream who thought God's law was giv - en;
- 3 And yet the law ful - filled must be, or we were lost for - ev - er;
- 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;
- 5 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
that sin - ners might them - selves re - deem and by their works gain
there - fore God sent his Son that he might us from death de -
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -
the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry to his



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to bring the
liv - er. He all the law for us ful - filled, and thus his
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our
mer - it. O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you have re -



all the world a - tone; he is our me - di - a - tor.
in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
Fa - ther's an - ger stilled which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.
vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, 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 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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 Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities,
grant us your merciful judgment,
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10–4:11

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The Lord is slow to anger and of great kindness.

- ℟ I will exalt you, O | God my King,*
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.
- ☞ **Every day | will I bless you*
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**
- ℟ Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;*
there is no end | to his greatness.
- ☞ **One generation shall praise your works | to another*
and shall de- | clare your power.**
- ℟ I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty*
and all your | marvelous works.
- ☞ **They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,*
and I will tell | of your greatness.**
- ℟ They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;*
they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.
- ☞ **The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,*
slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21–30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

- ℟ The Word of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

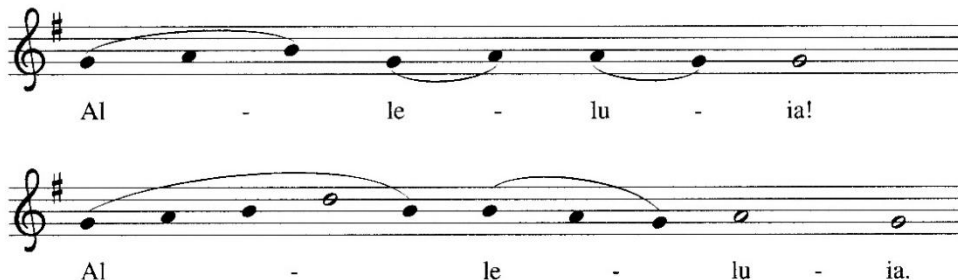
GOSPEL VERSE

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir Open our hearts, O Lord,
to give heed to what is said by your Son. Alleluia.

REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁴So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Grace Over Grumbling

Pastor David R. Lyle
Jonah 3:10–4:11; Matthew 20:1–16

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

(blue) **WOV #666**

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Michael D. Costello.



- 1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
Choir 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889–1953

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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.**

We stand.

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: Grazioso

Arnold B. Sherman

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: John 15:4–5

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

C 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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

David Ashley White

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If your love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Frederick W. Faber, 1854

HYMN: All Who Love and Serve Your City

ELW #724



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
 treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
 glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: NEW ORLEANS, Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

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HYMN: Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness

(green) **LBW #378**



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his



prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
 plant - ed here, to bear the choic - est fruit for him.
 dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.
 win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your



branch, with your rich life in me.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: GRANTON, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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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.

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: Voices Raised to You

ELW #845

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Carolyn Jennings.



- C** 1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
C 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
Choir 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
C 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
C 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise.	Hearts and hands we	bring in trib - ute
works dis - play.	Art and mu - sic,	gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace,	for your liv - ing,	suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart.	Lift our voic - es	high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe?	Take our hearts and	hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Voices Raised to You

Benjamin M. Culli

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

Grace Adult Bell Choir

Lisa Wolfanger, director

Deborah Maxwell, Paul Nelson, lectors

Juliet Krischke, Jake Beatty, crucifer/book bearer

Carol Ewald, Lois Harb, gift bearers

Paul Koester, Marcia Nolan, Tom Maxwell, Gerlinde VanDriesen, Susan Weber, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Ruth Reko, Allison Tan, Susie Calhoun greeters

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TODAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Library Open (self-service) **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Vaccine Clinic (Gym)..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.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 (Seminar Room) **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
Mentor Sunday for 9th Gr Confirmands (Youth Center)... **11:15 a.m.**
Liturgical Backstage Pass (Sanctuary)..... **11:30 a.m.**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**
Scouts Coordinator Training (3rd Floor Commons) **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

School Chapel Service **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) **6:00 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) **9:30 a.m.**
GriefShare (Conference Room)..... **10:00 a.m.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

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