

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time
C **And all the time God loves you.**

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

P Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen.**



Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING

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

KYRIE

- A This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- A The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C **The Lord has become my salvation.**
- A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- A I shall not die but live,
- C **And declare the works of the Lord.**
- A This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C **I will rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 20:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Read responsively

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON : Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

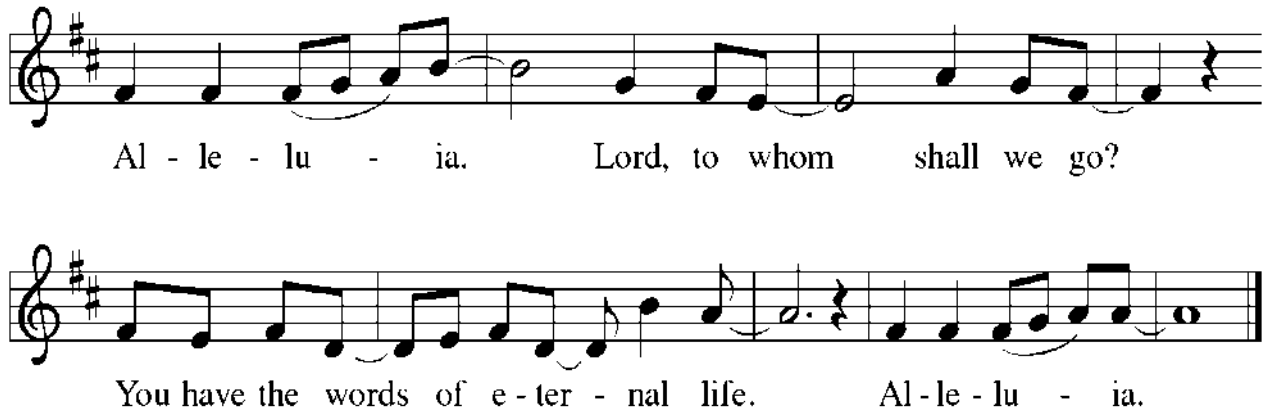
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL : Luke 14:25-33

The Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

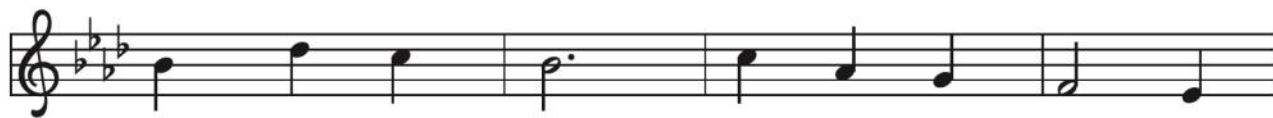
P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please stand at the last verse.

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary,

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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come 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 INTERCESSION

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

*Thank you so much for your support of Grace ministry through your worship.
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code to make a donation on our website through the "GIVE" button in the upper right corner.
You can also make a donation by placing your gift in our offering plates located inside both
sanctuary doors.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also 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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements.

Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes.

Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I Am Lord ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take, Oh Take Me As I Am ELW 814

The image displays a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
- C **Amen.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
²Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
³You are indeed my rock
and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me
and guide me,
⁴take me out of the net
that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.
⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have taken heed of my adversities,
⁸and have not delivered
me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.
⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
¹³For I hear the whispering of many —
terror all around! —
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies
and persecutors.
¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.
¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD,
for I call on you;
let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.
¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled
that speak insolently against the righteous
with pride and contempt.
¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in
you, in the sight of everyone!
²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them
from human plots;
you hold them safe under your shelter
from contentious tongues.
**²¹Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown
his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.**
**²²I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far from your sight."
But you heard my supplications
when I cried out to you for help.**
**²³Love the LORD, all you his saints.
The LORD preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.**
**²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.**

PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

TODAY we pray for:

Isabella Alsop
Krista Wacker
Midge
Family and friends of Delores Beatty as they mourn her passing
Val
Ben Epstein

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lynne Luetzgen; Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride; Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears;
John Boguki; Terri Dickson Riggleman; Lois Nordby; Lena, John

Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt;
Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois
Snyder; John Deaton; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis,

For those who are caregivers.

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

**To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)
office@glcde.org.**

Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – August 22, 2022 Update

- 1st phase pledges - **\$114,785**
- 2nd phase pledges **\$4700**
- Additional available funds - **\$107,000**
- Total available funds for roof project - **\$226,485**



Stories of Grace

*50 Years of Favorite Memories from Current
and Past Members of the Grace Family*

Irma Huth's 102nd Birthday

In 2007 we celebrated the 102nd birthday of Irma Huth who must still hold the title of oldest member of Grace! She was born in Baltimore, MD on September 9, 1905. This birthday party was held in the Grace social hall sometime around September 9th 2007 (I didn't write the date on the pic). We asked to get a picture with people from Grace

and you can see some of those who were in attendance: Bus Hackman, Jan and Charlie Hufnal, Erika Wolf, Jane and Jim Foscett, Earl and Jean Roth, Nancy Sandberg and Lynne Luetngen. Any idea who the man on the bottom left sitting in the chair is? When the pictures came back - you know it was when we had to get them developed! - I had no idea who he was. Certainly a dapper gentleman and I am glad he could be there to celebrate this incredible milestone for Irma.



The caregivers regularly visited Irma at her house on Schoolhouse Road in Hockessin to visit and take her communion. She had some "toy" cars (they were probably antiques) that she let Daniel play with when he was little and would come with me. One of my fondest memories was taking her communion. As lay leaders there was a small "service" that we would follow which began with confession. When we recited "we have not loved you with our whole heart" Irma stopped me and said "but I do love Jesus with my whole heart". She did it every time - what a beautiful statement to proclaim. Irma went to be with Jesus on May 9, 2008 and I am sure she was excited to see Him face to face.

Submitted by Lynne Luetngen



Update on Worship Service Times

Beginning September 11,
Grace returns to a two-service format!

8:30 AM (blended style)

11:00 AM (traditional style)

As always, feedback is always welcome. Please see
Pastor Tara, Jordan, or anyone on the Worship &
Music Committee if you have any comments!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER START UP!

Mark your calendars for September 11, 9:45! That's the kick-off for Grace's Christian education program. Throughout the year there will be offerings for 3 year olds through adults. However, for this first Sunday we will all join together for a "grace filled" time. We will gather in the sanctuary for songs and the telling of the gospel story found in Luke 15:1-10. Following that we will move to Fellowship Hall to decorate drawings that all say GRACE. You will see these on bulletin boards throughout the church. Kids, parents, other adults are all welcome – come join in the fun and learning!



The Altar Flowers for this week are given by Ruth and Bill Baur
in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 10:00AM

Assisting Minister: Mark Teasley

Greeter/Usher: Julie Auger

Usher: John Auger

Reader: Jane Teasley

Nursery: Audrey Day, John Day

Sound: Mark Maurer

Counters: Jane Foskett, Beth Fenner

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