

**8:30AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022  
REFORMATION**

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

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive 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.**

C **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.**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## 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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 46

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Gospel according to Saint John the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Barbara Melosh

Please stand at the last verse.

1<sup>#</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## **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 In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Thank you so much for your support of Grace ministry through your worship.  
If you wish to make a donation to Grace, you can follow this link [www.glcde.org](http://www.glcde.org) or scan the QR 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.



## ANTHEM

### *What A Beautiful Name*

Fielding/Ligertwood

## OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share  
with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
- C **Amen.**

## 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,  
for the glorious resurrection of 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

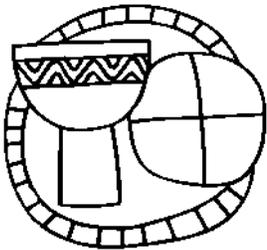
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Christ invites you to this table,  
Come, taste and see.

*Please be seated*

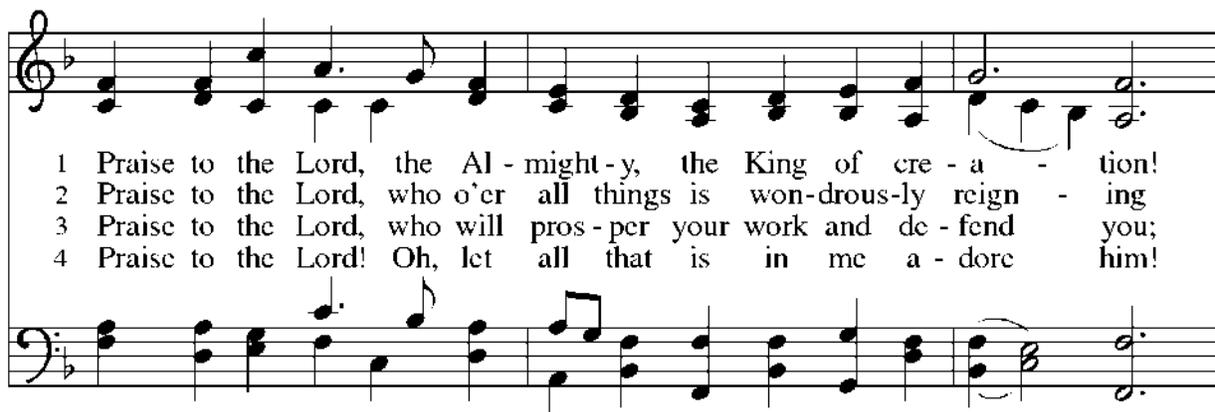


## COMMUNION

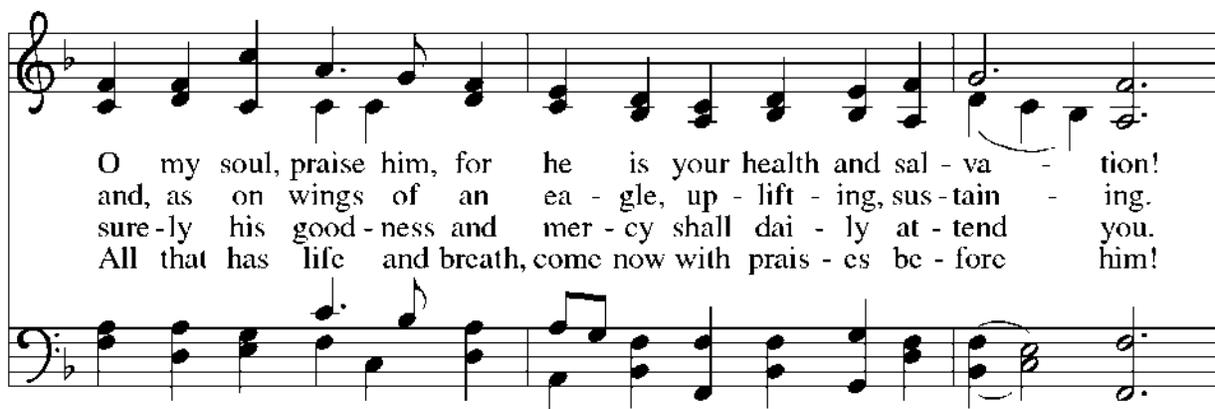
*Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.*

# COMMUNION HYMN

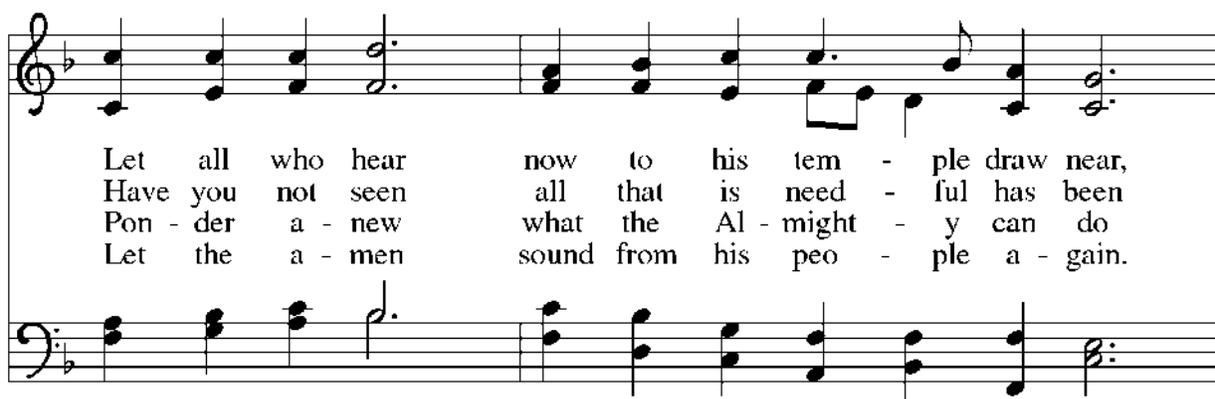
## *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW 858



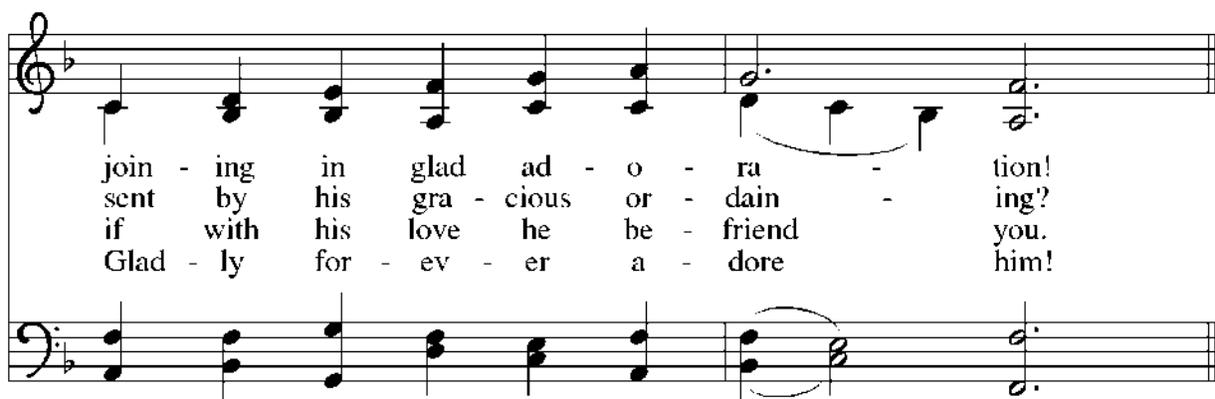
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.  
sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be-fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

COMMUNION HYMN

*Listen, God Is Calling* ELW 513

*Refrain*  
Leader                      All

Ne - no,    ne - no    la - ke    Mu - ngu    la - ku - i - ta    we - we,  
Lis - ten,    lis - ten,    God is    call - ing,    through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no    la    wo - ko - vu,    te - na    je - ma.    ma.  
of - fer - ing    for - give - ness,    com - fort,    and    joy.    joy.

Leader                      All

Ye - su    a - li - se - ma,    Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date:    share    the    good    news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten    through - out    the    world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful,    stand - ing    stead - fast,

Leader                      All                      *Refrain*

Ne - no    la - ke    Mu - ngu    la    wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us    and    set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God    go    and    bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts,    led    by    your    Word.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *Great Is the Lord* W&P 53

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm

pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

Bb/C F/C Bb/C G/C C Bb/C F/C Bb/C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am<sup>7</sup>/G Dm Gsus G C C<sup>sus</sup> C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

*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 God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

- P God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- C **Amen.**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER 30, 2022

### TODAY we pray:

- Althea Thomas
- Jeremy Magoon
- Rich DiRocco (neighbor of Kathy Long)
- Midge (friend of Vera Wagenfuhr)
- Lois Nordby (sister of Gerry Teig)
- Ed and Erika Burke
- Jeff Dandoy (Audrey Day's father)
- Kendall, Aimee & Scott Oller (Lynda Martinez)
- Bill Monaghan
- \* Maria Santopietro (friend of Beth Fenner)

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Judy & Paul Freys (aunt and uncle of Beth Fenner); Krista Wacker; ; Val; Ben Epstein; Lynne Luettgen; Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride; Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; John Boguki; Terri Dickson Riggelman

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 the Grace Congregational Council,

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.**

## GRACE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

\*8:30AM Service of Holy Communion (Blended)

**9:45AM Christian Education for all Ages**

11:00AM Service of Holy Communion (Traditional)

\*The Service at 8:30AM is streamed live on our website -[glcde.org](http://glcde.org).

### **TODAY**

We welcome Pastor Barbara Melosh to lead us in Worship. Pastor Amy Wright will then be on call through November 4th. We thank them for being available for Grace and Pastor Tara. Pastor Tara will be away helping her husband recover from surgery.

John Auger will be giving an update of the Synod and Churchwide at 9:45am.



The chancel flowers are presented today to the glory of God by the Day Family in honor of Gregory's birthday..

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **8:30am**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynne Luetngen

**Greeter/Usher:** Don Bond

**Usher:** Bill Brizendine

**Reader:** Penny Matchen

**Sound:** Joe Luetngen

**Nursery:** Lucie Gonneville, Katelyn Dunfee

**Counters:** Gerry Teig, Sue Eriksen

**Refreshments:** Pat Kizuka, Amy Zunino

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 30

## Roof Replacement Project – October 17, 2022 Update

During removal of the roof HVAC units, the oldest from 1998 was found to have a failed heat exchanger. Due to carbon monoxide leakage, this unit cannot be used for heating this winter. Fortunately, our contractor was able to locate a new unit compatible with our existing pad and ductwork, which will save us an additional removal and installation charge. However, the roof and HVAC bids now total close to our cash in hand, which will not give us much room for additional surprises and mostly deplete our surplus. Please prayerfully consider making a 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase donation to the Roof Fund to help offset this additional cost to the project. Thank you to all that have given so generously!

- Total of three bids - **\$229,902**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Phase pledges - **\$114,785**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase pledges - **\$12,700**
- Current surplus funds - **\$107,000**
- Total available funds for roof project - **\$234,485**
- Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - **\$250,000**

Mark Teasley, Council President

## Update on Sunday Breakfast Mission Needs

First, a sincere thank you to all who brought donations for the Mission over the summer. For over 25 years, our Grace members have faithfully supported this ministry. Your compassion put into action is truly touching and appreciated!

Now a few updates. While the Mission is grateful for full-size bottles of toiletries like shampoo and soap bars, they are currently in urgent need of travel-size things for guests who carry their belongings with them. Especially wanted in small sizes are deodorant, conditioner, shaving cream, and hand lotion. Small aerosol containers are now accepted. Greatly needed are men's new (only) underwear in all sizes and new weatherproof gloves. The women's program has expanded to 29 plus some children so please continue to donate those fragrant bath gels and lotions. No perfume is accepted because of alcohol content.

The winter is coming and the number of guests expected for dinner, a shower, and a safe place to sleep is 200/night. All donations of toiletries and new underwear left in the SBM bin in Grace's coat closet will surely be put to good use, serving as a reminder of God's love for all.

Thank you so much.

Sue Eriksen



### ***Come On Folks!***

*We need your stories!! Each week during Grace's 50th year we will feature a new story about Grace Lutheran Church, shared by its members and friends. We need more stories and would love to include your favorite memories of Grace! Send a short video or written story to [glcde.pub@gmail.com](mailto:glcde.pub@gmail.com).*

## Share Thanksgiving Dinner with an International Student!

Hosting international students for Thanksgiving is an amazing experience! It is often the only time UD international students have the opportunity to meet an American family and enter an American home. This is so meaningful for them, and they love to share their wonderful culture with us! If you can serve as a Thanksgiving host for some of our global guests, please [sign up in the narthex] or contact Rick Gray at 302-367-4994 or [rick.gray@ruf.org](mailto:rick.gray@ruf.org). Thanks so much!

## NOISY Offering Supports Lutheran Disaster Relief



A noisy offering jar is available for those wishing to offer your spare change to help those affected by all of the recent disasters, especially those affected by the recent hurricane. All donations will be collected and go to Lutheran Disaster Relief and Building Puentes. Building Puentes is our Synod's accompaniment with the island of Puerto Rico in their rebuilding again.

## Grace's Amazing Lost But Found Collection

With cold weather just around the corner, are you missing your mittens? Gloves? Coats? Umbrellas? Water bottles? Personalized kitchen aprons? Ties?

Please check out all the "once was lost but now am found" items on the benches in the Narthex at Grace. Your cold hands will thank you.

## GRACE FLOWER COMMEMORATIONS

Flowers in the sanctuary enhance our worship.

The Flower Commemoration sign up is on the bulletin board. Sign up to sponsor flowers in honor of someone, birthday celebration, anniversary or for special dates.

Your name and commemoration will appear in the weekly bulletin on your chosen date and the flowers will add to the beauty of the sanctuary. Flowers sponsored can be taken home with you following service or left to be taken to a Grace shut-in. For more information, please see the flower chart or speak to Lynne Luetgen.

## Thanksgiving Food for the families of Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

It's time for the annual collection of food to fill Thanksgiving Day food boxes for needy families in Wilmington who are served by the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center.

**Items needed:** Turkeys (frozen) ♦ Instant mashed potatoes ♦ stuffing mix ♦ canned green beans  
canned corn ♦ canned sweet potatoes ♦ canned cranberry sauce ♦ brown or white rice  
canned or jarred gravy ♦ dinner rolls ♦ pie crust/filling or non-perishable desserts ♦  
canned fruit ♦ seasoning (something that could be used for the holiday meal)

If you are not able to go out and shop for items, but would like to contribute, we would gladly accept a monetary contribution and do the shopping for you.

**IMPORTANT: please make monetary contributions by Nov13th** (so we have time to shop) **please note clearly "Hilltop Thanksgiving"** on any contributions that it is for, and, if possible, contact Amy Zunino to let her know.

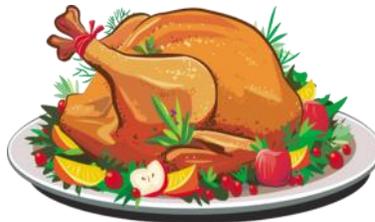
**Non perishable items can be brought in anytime before or on November 20th**

Look for the boxes in the narthex for food.

**Turkeys must be brought in on November 20th ALL items should be at Grace by 10:00am on the 20th.**

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Questions?? Amy Zunino at [aizunino@msn.com](mailto:aizunino@msn.com) or 302-234-2549



## All Saints Sunday, November 6

In three weeks, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. The day we remember those who have passed in the calendar year—November 7, 2021 to October 2022. . Please leave name and date of passing on the list located on the counter in the narthex.



### REGISTRATION OPEN -A MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**When:** November 18-20, 2022

**Where:** Camp Letts—Edgewater, MD

**Who:** Youth in grades 6th, 7th & 8th

**Cost:** \$175 (Scholarships available)

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, November 1

**Learn more:** [www.youngfaithmatters.com/events-retreats/freeride](http://www.youngfaithmatters.com/events-retreats/freeride)

**Questions?** Jamie Breslin—[kejabreslin@aol.com](mailto:kejabreslin@aol.com) or 908-507-5399



# Stories of Grace

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

When COVID-19 hit in spring 2020, Laura Mackiewicz and I were in the early stages of planning that summer's Vacation Bible School. We were faced with the options of canceling VBS or taking it virtual. Fortunately, God had provided us with a curriculum that made it easy to pivot to virtual, so we made that leap of faith, hoping that, despite the



stress and uncertainty of the times, we would be able to find the volunteers we needed to make it happen. And Grace certainly delivered on volunteers! We had more volunteers that year than we had the previous year. Our Grace family, along with some friends from other churches, enthusiastically stepped up to design four activities for each day, record demonstration videos for those activities, donate supplies, assemble the envelopes containing each day's instructions and materials, pack the boxes of supplies,

deliver a box to each child, lead and assist with Zoom small groups, lead music during Zoom large group, help with tech in the background, and more. The theme that summer was "FOCUS" and VBS gave so many of us the opportunity to do that - to focus on God and watch Him at work, overcoming obstacles and helping us share the Good News with more children than we had reached in person in 2019!

Submitted by Audrey Day