



*"Everyone who  
calls on the  
name of  
the LORD  
shall be saved."*

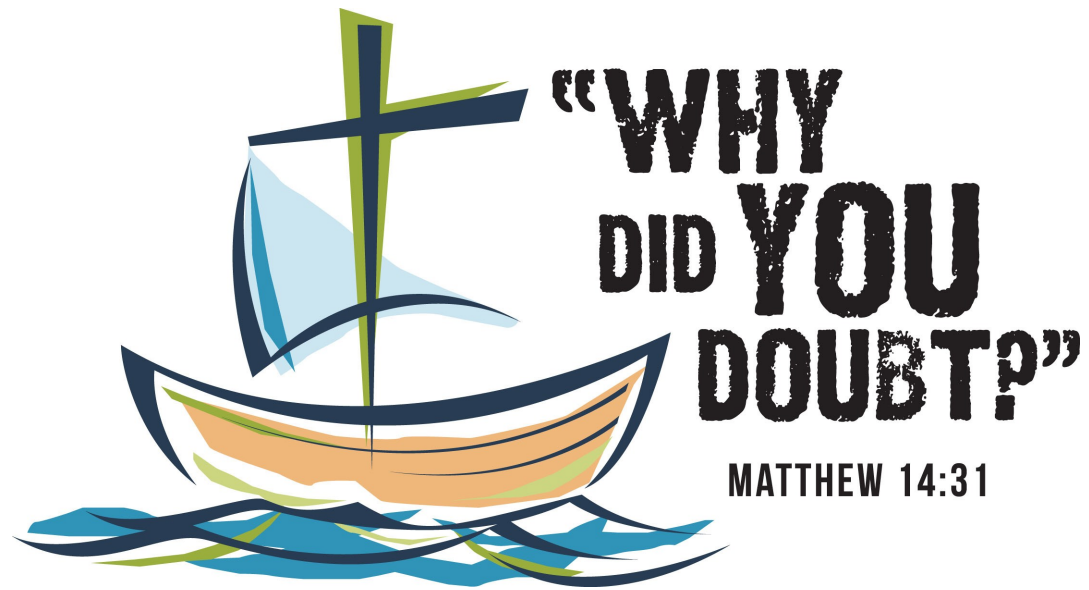
*ROMANS 10:13 NRSV*

## *Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*August 13, 2023*

*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant  
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,  
the community, and the world."*



## **Service of Holy Communion**

*(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)*

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.*

*We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.*

*Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.*

*As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

**Gathering**



**Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.. Amen..**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*We stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the Father, ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

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

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Prelude

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.**

Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



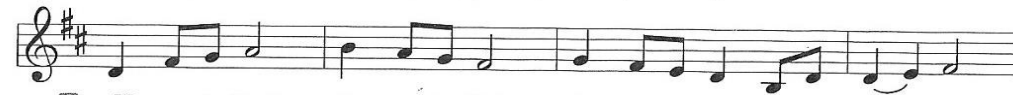
**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



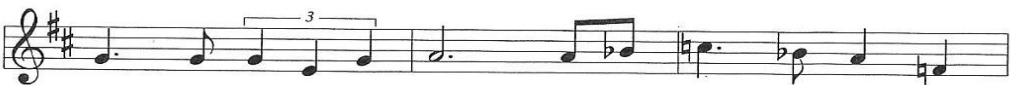
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer*

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit*

<b>Word</b>
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## **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

A reading from 1 Kings:

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

*Continued*

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

*We read responsively*

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

*We stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

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## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

### Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit*



### **Meal**

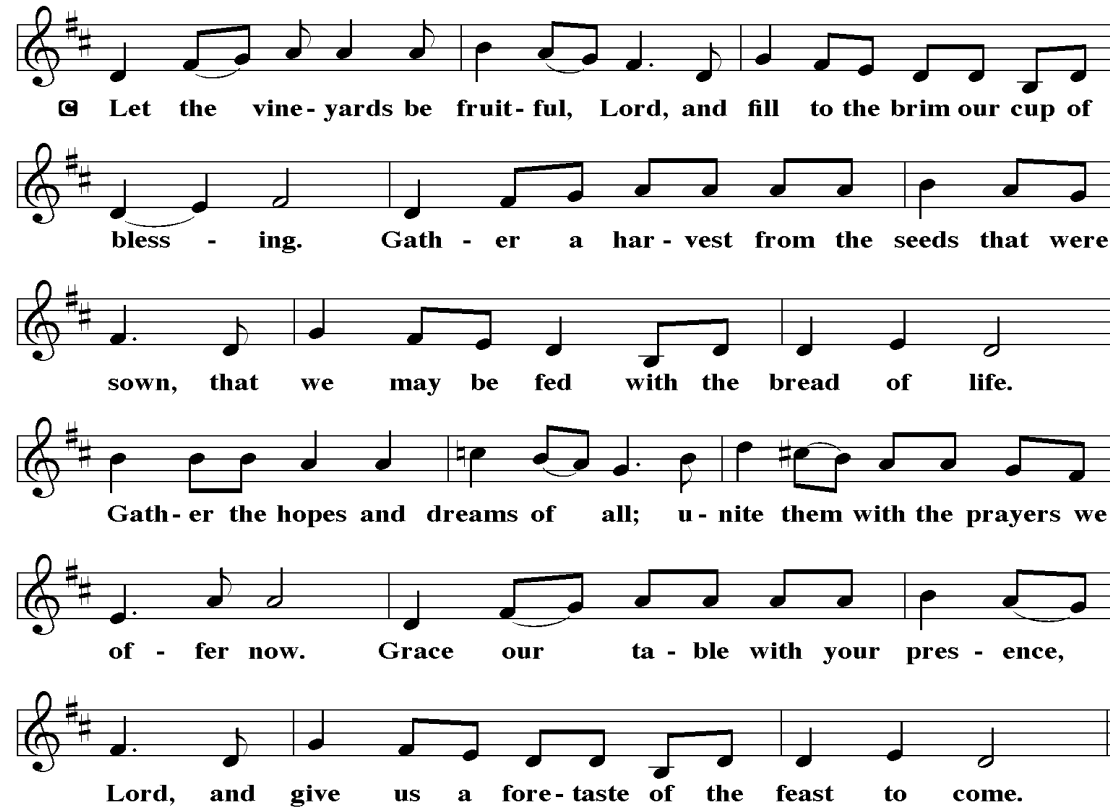
### Offertory

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

*We stand*

## Offertory Song



**Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.**

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## Preface

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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**



### Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

### Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit*

### The Holy Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



☩ 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, grant us peace.

### The Holy Communion

**OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL!** *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)*

*Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

### **The Communion Blessing**

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *"When Peace Like a River"*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

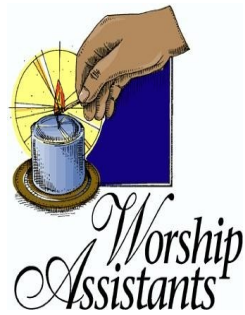
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876



### **Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Open
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Meicke
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Kathy Bump
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Carolyn Hite Gloria Nelson
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Robin Crowder
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady Jean Morgan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rick Bump Linda Meyer

### **Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**


**August 20, 2023**  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Mark Radecke**  
Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28



*Chancel flowers this morning  
are given to the glory of our Lord*



**Prayer List**

*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.*

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Lisa Gray**

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Lisa Harrison**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Jen Kerney**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Alberta Muir**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

**Rev. Ken Price**, Virginia Synod Pastor

**Colleen Privette**, Sister of Lisa Gray

**John Schmidt**, Son-in-Law of Peggy Marks

**Rebecca Walls**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Chuck Wood**, Friend of Sylvia Almarode

**Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

Thanks for answered prayers that **Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps, has been cured of cancer

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Emily Almarode**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn Myers**

**Carol Varner**

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**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Bill Aldridge**, Friend of the Kites  
**Gary Barrette**, Brother of Bob Barrette  
**Cathy Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches  
**Mike Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches  
**Natalie Dodge and Family** (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes and Warrens  
**Chris Jordan**, Cousin of Mike Myers  
**Dick Longworth**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Taunya McDonald**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle  
**James Pingel**, Brother of Pastor Pingel  
**Arta Smith**, Friend of the Bumps

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family of Mike Freed**, Cousin of Marsha Howard, Friend of Almarodes  
**Family of Roslyn Holt**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Family of Bob Knemoller**, Member of Grace  
**Family of Mike Moles**, Friend of Linda Tomey

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Cathy Firkin (8/16)**



**The Needs of the World**

Extreme weather conditions around the world; severe temperatures, crippling drought, and extreme rains elsewhere, especially Hawaii this week

**Many areas of war and tension around the world**

"The poor, the widow, the orphan, the alien:" paying attention to the biblical call for us to care for others

**Those in medical professions - doctors, nurses, surgeons, specialists, CNA's, social workers, and support personnel - maintenance, cleaning staff, kitchen staff**

Teachers, Professors, Administrators, Assistants, and Support Personnel preparing to welcome students at our local schools and colleges; and for our children, grandchildren and young adults starting school either this week or the next few weeks in

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

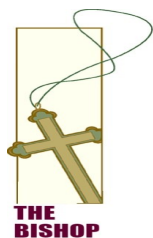
**Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect  
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton**

**Our Neighbors**

**Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area**



Thanks to Molly Coffey, guest musician, for substituting for Mike Myers August 6 and 13. Molly is a Senior Music Education Major at James Madison University.



**Bishop's Installation in October!** Bishop-Elect Phyllis Milton's Installation and Reception will be in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, October 21st, at 1:00 pm; and Grace - as we did with Bishop Humphrey six years ago - will host the reception. We're just starting to plan and detail this out, but there may be an opportunity to help with the reception and transportation. Stay tuned in August and September for more detailed information!



**Christian Education at Grace:**

- Confirmation - Parents and Confirmands will meet following today's worship service to finalize Confirmation for this year
- Children's Classes and Adult Education this Fall - Look for information

There is much to choose from to grow in Faith through Christian Education this Fall! Plan on joining in!



**ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024!** For the first time in six years, the ELCA is having a National Youth gathering, this time in New Orleans. Three of our Youth are tentatively committed thus far, with a September registration deadline. Please pray for and support our Youth as they prepare and fundraise, and then join approximately 20-25K other Youth from around the nation for this unique and powerful event in July, 2024.



Many thanks to all who participated in the Salvation Army's "Homework Toolboxes" campaign. In addition to the 41 boxes of pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, etc. that were packed and delivered to the Salvation Army, we also thank those who participated by donating directly to the Salvation Army. Many, many thanks! Amy Warren



**News for the youth and young at heart** - After a short break for the summer, Sunday School for our youth, 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will resume on Sunday September 10, in the Sunday School classroom. We will meet each Sunday after worship from 11:15 a.m. until 12:00. The class follows the lectionary so we will have an opportunity each week to expand on the gospel reading through study, games, and crafts. Steve and Pastor Karen Van Stee will conduct Acolyte and Crucifer training in near future. There will be an interest/sign-up sheet in the back for the sanctuary for the next few Sundays. These important positions greatly enhance the worship experience and provide a relatively stress-free way to start getting involved with the worship service. This training is open to all who feel called to more involvement in the church.



**Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event-** Grace is coordinating a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with some area churches. The event will be held on **Saturday September 9** at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. It will start at 10 am and be completed in about two hours. The last event Grace coordinated was pre-Covid and there were over 20,000 meals packed. The event is a fun morning with a variety of processing stations including mixing food, weighing food packages, sealing food packages, packing boxes of bagged food and runners who move items to each station. It is an event that everyone can help with. Grace Mission Outreach Team will be using a grant that we received from the Mission Endowment Team to help support this event. Watch for sign-up sheets coming in August or you can register online at [www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023](http://www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023). Our goal for the event is to pack 20,000 to 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. Remember to bring a hat or baseball cap because we are packing food. They do provide hairnets. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



A **secure entry system** has been installed for the Office Entrance Door. Ring the bell located beside the door during office hours; and if someone is available, they will buzz you in. Reminder: **Office Hours:** 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday **Closed Friday.**

All God's Children will resume meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month at 7:00 pm on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and discuss Toni Morrison's only short story, *Recitatif* (including the 2022 Introduction by Zadie Smith). The story concerns two girls, Twyla and Roberta, one is Black and the other White. However, the author never reveals which one is Black and which one is White. The reader must decide, leading to the moral lesson that racial differences are arbitrary and may be constructed according to one's own personal prejudices and biases. We will discuss our assessments at the meeting.

Through the summer, members have previewed potential sources for future discussions and experiences. These include books, articles, events, movies, programs, web- or podcasts, field trips or anything that deepens our understanding of racial equity and justice in the world. We plan to map out an agenda for the next year at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know (rcbump0621@gmail.com).



**Quilting**—The Grace Quilters will be returning to the regular Tuesday quilting day on September 12. Last year, over 60 quilts were donated, with 54 sent to Lutheran World Relief. Quilting is a delightfully hands-on ministry and the more hands we have, the more quilts we can complete. We invite you to join us on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. There are other ways to participate as well. If you are more comfortable working at home, that is fine. The quilts for LWR are typically easy squares and LWR requests the size to be approximately 60x80. They are hand tied so that could be either done at home, or we have tables and quilt racks that can be used at church. Sewing is not a required skill to help. Cutting fabric and designing the squares is an easy way to help and if you can tie a knot, you are set to help tie the quilts. Another way to participate is by providing cotton fabric. We also use full size or larger all cotton or 50/50 cotton/polyester sheets for the backs. A solid color works best and with no stains. Often they can be found at thrift stores. If you know a quilter that would like to participate, please let them know they are welcome to participate and we would welcome any fabric that they may not be using. If you have any questions, you may contact Gwen Kite at 540 910-0508 or email at gwenma2002@yahoo.com.



The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up in the Nave for your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed!

Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

**Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:**

- **September 10\***                      **Hospitality and Grace**
- **October 1**                                **Quilters**

*\*Date change due to Labor Day*




Grace’s Congregational Council has approved sponsoring a second mission trip to **CICRIN**, the Nicaraguan Christian Children’s Center and School. The dates are February 2-10, 2024 and the tentative price is the same as this year: \$1,995 per person. Those who think they might be interested can speak with Grace members who were part of this year’s team: Chuck and Judi Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Pastor Pingel, and trip leaders Mark and Tami Radecke. Anyone wanting to have a FAQ sheet emailed to them can contact Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac ‘n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-five*** deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,745 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**August 13-20, 2023**

Day of the	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	08/13	10:00 a.m.	<b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b>
Wednesday	08/16	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		10:00—3:30	<b>Encircle Regional Managers' Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	08/17	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b>
		12:30 p.m.	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	08/18		 <b>Pastor Paul—Vacation</b>
Saturday	08/19	11:00 a.m.	<b>Pastor Paul—Vacation</b>  Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (Constitution Park)
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/20	10:00 a.m.	<b>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Mark Radecke</b> , Preaching and Presiding

**Monday**

1 Samuel 24:1-22  
Acts 13:44-52  
Mark 4:1-20  
Morning Psalm 62, Evening 73

**Tuesday**

1 Samuel 25:1-22  
Acts 14:1-18  
Mark 4:21-34  
Morning Psalm 12, Evening 36

**Wednesday**

1 Samuel 25:23-44  
Acts 14:19-28  
Mark 4:35-41  
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 132

**Thursday**

1 Samuel 28:3-20  
Acts 15:1-11  
Mark 5:1-20  
Morning Psalm 116, Evening 26

**Friday**

1 Samuel 31:1-13  
Acts 15:12-21  
Mark 5:21-43  
Morning Psalm 84, Evening 25

**Saturday**

2 Samuel 1:1-16  
Acts 15:22-35  
Mark 6:1-13  
Morning Psalm 63, Evening 125



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