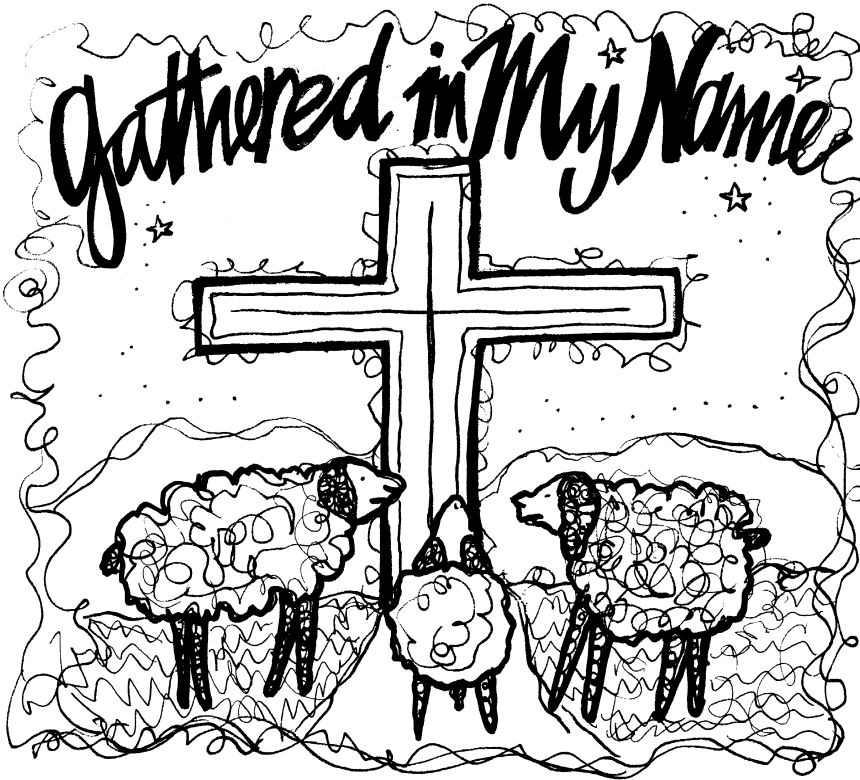


**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
***The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***With Communion***



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Divine Service 10 AM

**Pastor Timothy Appel**



**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

**In our readings today:** True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “*you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “*the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “*drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity, but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “*is the fulfilling of the law*” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “*pay to all what is owed to them*” (Rom. 13:7) and we “*owe no one anything, except to love each other*” (Rom. 13:8).

**Requests**, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

**Hearing**, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

## Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

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Tri - une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.

Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,

And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.

Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning

Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.

A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"

*Stand*

**Invocation** (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*



**The Baptism of:     Bronson Vaughn Macks**

Parents:                Haley and Corey Macks

Sponsor(s):          Anna Berryhill  
                              Bradley Campion

Witness:                Jeannie and Vince Kaiser

### **Baptismal Address**

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

### **Sign of the Cross**

**P** How is this child named?

**R** *Bronson Vaughn Macks*

**P** *Bronson Vaughn Macks*, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Bronson according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## Enrollment of Sponsors

- P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- P** Is it your intention to serve Bronson as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel for Baptism

- P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.  
They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)*

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.*

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**
- P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Renunciation

- P** Do you renounce the devil?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**  
**P** Do you renounce all his works?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**  
**P** Do you renounce all his ways?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**Creed:** *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

## Profession of Faith

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**  
**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## The Baptism

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Bronson Vaughn Macks I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Newly Baptized

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

- P** Bronson, Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

## Welcome to the Family of God

**P** Bronson, In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

## Prayers for the Newly Baptized

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Bronson the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Peace

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*Baptismal party returns to their pew*

*Stand*

**Confession:** *(We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Absolution:** *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*  
*Ps. 92:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 92:5*

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

**It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,

**to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.**

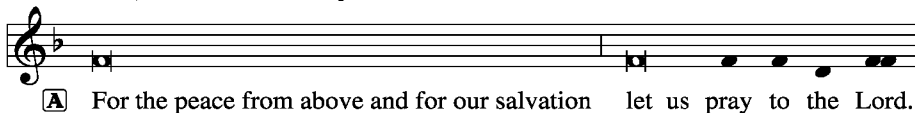
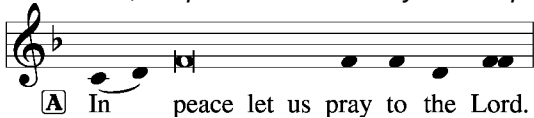
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

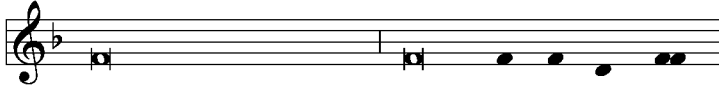
Your thoughts are very deep!

**Kyrie:** *(Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)* LSB 152





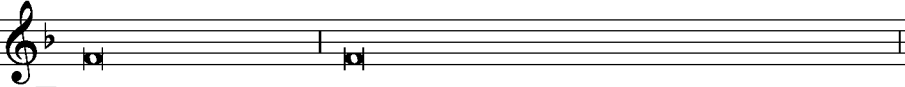
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



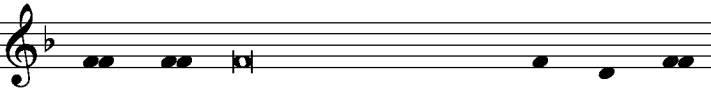
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise:** (*Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.*)

## This Is the Feast

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*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

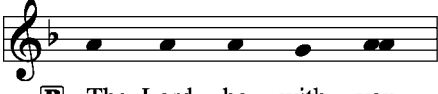


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Salutation:** (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



**P** The Lord be with you.

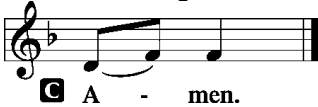


**C** And al - so with you.

**Collect:** *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

**Scripture Readings:** *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

**A** Today's Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** *(The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)*

### Gradual

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

### Epistle

*Romans 13:1-10*

**A** Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Common Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

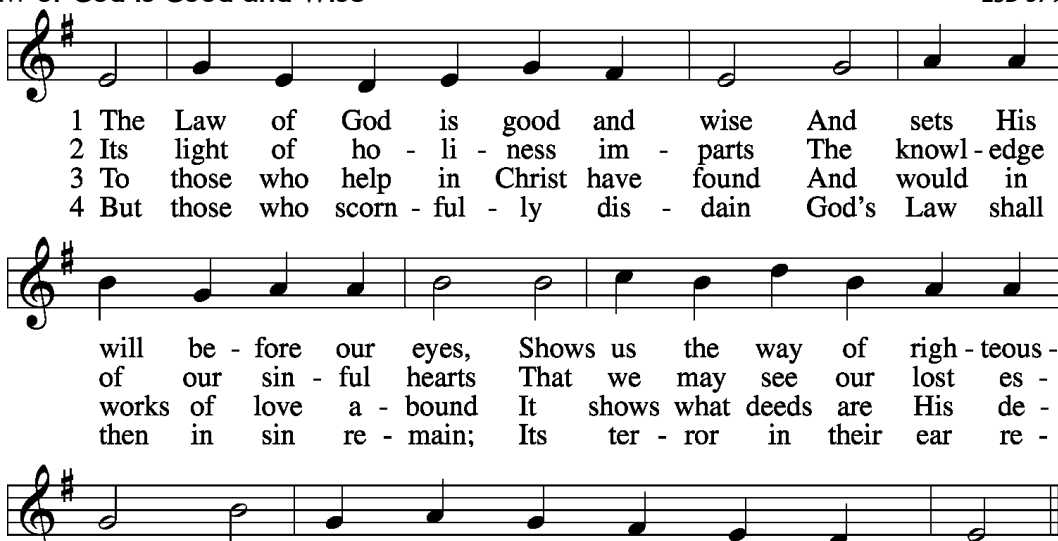
*Sit*



**Hymn of the Day:** *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

## The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light And should be done as good and right.  
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
 Its holiness condemns us all;  
 It dooms us for our sin to die  
 And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
 Who from the curse has set us free,  
 And humbly worship at His throne,  
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

## Sermon “Love for the Father’s Little Ones”

Matthew 18:14

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

## Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**G** Amen.

*Stand*

**Offertory:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

*Sit*

**Offering:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church:** *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

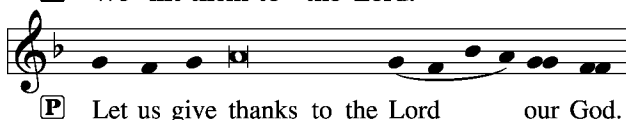
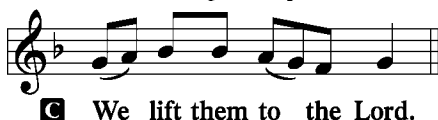
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### *Close of the Prayers*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

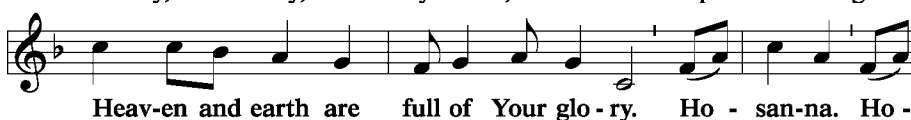
## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface:** *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)* LSB 160



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 161





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** *(We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.)* LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:** *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

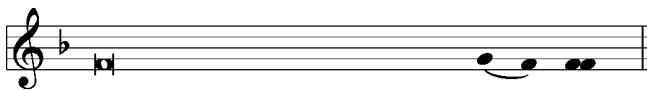
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Words of Our Lord:** *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** (*Latin for “The peace of the Lord.” The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord’s peace as the very Gospel.*) LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

**Agnus Dei:** (*Latin for “Lamb of God.” As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.*) LSB 163



**G** 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.

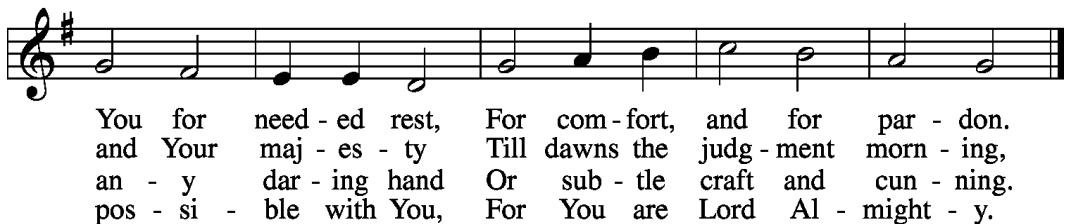
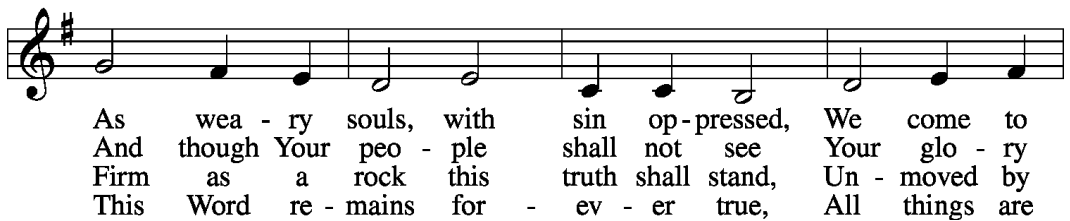
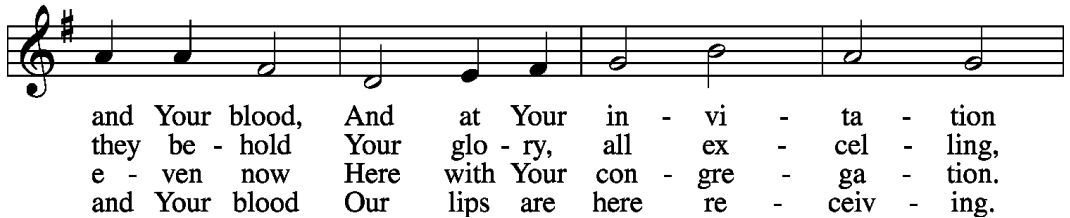
## Distribution

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

LSB 622



1	Lord	Je - sus	Christ,	You	have	pre - pared	This	feast	for
2	Al -	though	You	did	to	heav'n	as - cend,	Where	an - gel
3	Yet,	Sav -	ior,	You	are	not	con - fined	To	an - y
4	We	eat	this	bread	and	drink	this	cup,	Your
									pre - cious



5 Though reason cannot understand,  
 Yet faith this truth embraces:  
 Your body, Lord, is even now  
 At once in many places.  
 I leave to You how this can be;  
 Your Word alone suffices me;  
 I trust its truth unailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
 Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust,  
 And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears  
 Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
 And, truly grieving for our sins,  
 May prove by our behavior  
 That we are thankful for Your grace  
 And day by day may run our race,  
 In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
 Be praised throughout all ages!  
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
 The world against it rages.  
 Grant that this sacrament may be  
 A blessed comfort unto me  
 When living and when dying.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

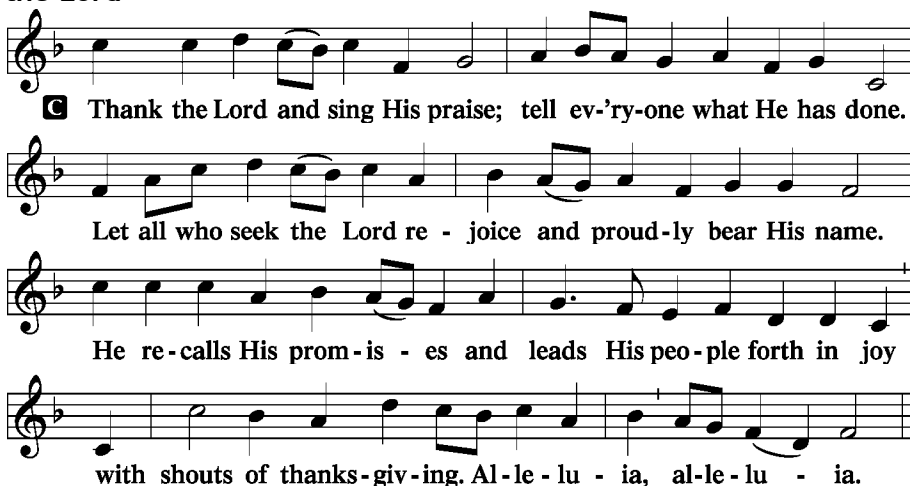
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**G** Amen.

**Post-Communion Canticle:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

## Thank the Lord

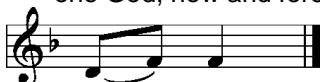
LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

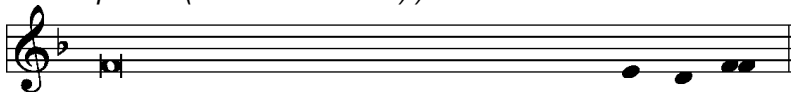
- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Benediction:** *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*

LSB 166



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

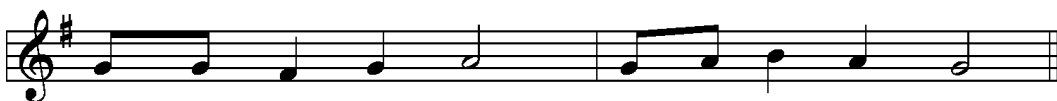
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1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-ands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for-get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-gainst my God.



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.  
For through man-y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

### Silent Prayer After Worship

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISMISSAL

#### POSTLUDE

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Sunday Worship (9/3) 140      Sunday School (9/3)

### Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

<b>Sep. Elders:</b>	<b>Bert Bunte</b> <b>Ed Randle</b>	<b>Organist(s):</b> <b>June Parker</b> <b>Esther Wolff (Sub)</b> <b>Kim Appel (Sub)</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Cliff Burns</b> <b>Jim Duty</b>	<b>Sep. Altar Guild:</b> <b>Mary Ann Duty</b> <b>Toni Ann Kadlecek</b>
<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Ivan Fritsche</b> <b>Ronnie Pietsch</b>	

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Acolytes:</b>
<b>Sep. 10 Dana Bunte</b>	<b>Sep. 10 Baylor Watson &amp; Juniper Smith</b>
<b>Sep. 17 Mark Peres</b>	<b>Sep. 17 BAZAAR</b>
<b>Sep. 24 Jean Miller</b>	<b>Sep. 24 Ramon Wolff &amp; Barrett Watson</b>

### VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com), or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

### SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

### NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

### AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Sep. 10</u>	<u>Mon. Sep. 11</u>	<u>Tues. Sep. 12</u>	<u>Wed. Sep. 13</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion	7p LLL		10a GLLC Chapel <b>MIDWEEK SCHEDULE</b> (see below)
<u>Thurs. Sep. 14</u>	<u>Fri. Sep. 15</u>	<u>Sat. Sep. 16</u>	<u>Sun. Sep. 17</u>
	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:30a Worship/Communion BAZAAR

### **\*MID WEEK SCHEDULE**

6:00p Mid Week Meal  
6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages

## FINANCIALS – as of Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Y-T-D
General Offering	7,074.00				141,652.03
2016 Weekly goal	3,954.04				142,345.44
Difference	<b>3,119.96</b>				<b>693.41</b>
SS Offering	41.00				
GLLC Donations	20..00				

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School lesson today focuses on “Solomon Builds the Temple.” Though God resided within the Old Testament temple, He was hidden behind the veil in the Most Holy Place. Jesus is the unveiled Most Holy Place, accessible to all, enfolding believers in the arms of His Word and Sacraments. Parents might ask, *“What kinds of things would you have seen in Solomon’s temple? Where do we see Jesus today?”*

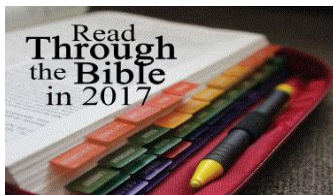
### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	<b>Charlene &amp; RC</b> Franke (Ann Schroder’s siblings), <b>Mildred</b> Karcher, <b>Lorine</b> Vogel, <b>Charlotte</b> Metzler, <b>Lucy &amp; Alvie</b> Tinberg, <b>Annie Mae</b> Rohde, <b>Eleanore</b> Brantley, <b>Evelyn</b> Tietjen (Helen Fleck’s mother), <b>Teresa</b> Slusher, <b>Milly</b> Fritz, <b>Katherine</b> Benedix, <b>Mildred</b> Buscha
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie</b> Wallace, <b>Kenny</b> Wood (Sandy Kadlecek’s father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Becky</b> Jones (Sharon Reinberg’s daughter), <b>Freddie</b> Willey, <b>Paul</b> Prange (friend of the Stelling’s), <b>Nancy</b> Flora, <b>Linda</b> Braddock, <b>Adam</b> Higgins, <b>Billy</b> Duty (Marilyn Randle & Jim Duty’s brother), <b>Bill</b> Haley (friend of the Rohde’s), <b>Gloria</b> Neveraz (Bianca Kasper’s friend), <b>Charlene</b> Frerich (the Johannessen’s daughter), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Coey</b> Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), <b>George</b> Neave (friend of GLLC), <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the Kadlecek’s), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jo Ann</b> Copeland, <b>Marvin</b> “Butch” Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), <b>Jamie</b> Evans (friend of GLLC), <b>Kelsey</b> Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	<b>Eleanor</b> Mutschink, <b>Michael</b> Langer, <b>Marianna</b> Peres, <b>Mary Ann</b> Duty, <b>Frank</b> Nevins, <b>Viola</b> Halbrader (Betty’s mother), <b>Walter</b> Stolle, <b>Heather</b> Davis, <b>Barry</b> Trask, <b>Nick</b> Jackson (friend of the Langers), <b>Milly</b> Cheak, <b>Frances</b> Pool, <b>Kevin</b> Vinklarek, <b>Sabrina</b> Poehler (friend of Chad Catron), <b>Kathleen</b> Brohlin, <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke’s mother), <b>Jensen</b> Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Barbara &amp; Charlie</b> Johannessen, <b>Aaron</b> Atsyne (friend of the Deapens, <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Lee</b> Hampton,

	<b>Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Glenn</b> Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, <b>Shirley</b> Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), <b>David</b> Rohde, <b>Robert</b> Miller, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Janelle &amp; Rowe</b> Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), <b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), <b>Sharee</b> Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Courtney</b> Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Marybeth</b> Claiborne, <b>Lula</b> Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Loretta &amp; Mike</b> Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), <b>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadlecek's), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Shannon</b> Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), <b>Willie</b> Smith (Ryan Smith's father), <b>Becky</b> Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), <b>Donna, Holly &amp; Carl</b> Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>Samuel</b> Engman, <b>George</b> Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), <b>Kikue</b> Hannusch, <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), <b>Christopher</b> Harms (friend of the Metzler's)
In the Military:	<b>Justin</b> Teague, <b>Giancarlo</b> Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), <b>Aiden</b> Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), <b>Madison</b> Whitney, <b>Kenneth</b> Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock).
Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Karen &amp; Phil</b> Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Joshua</b> Zimmerhazel, <b>Albert</b> Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langer's), <b>Sloan</b> Davidson (friend of the Flora's), <b>Jessica</b> Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)



### **READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2017**

God's blessings as you continue to read through the Bible during this year of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. If you miss a few days, don't be afraid to start anew! *The plan for the whole month of September is in your newsletter, and these same readings are included for you in the daily devotions on the back of your bulletin each week as well.*

### **WORK AT GLLC**

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application.

### **SUPPORT FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Here's a significant new way you can support Faith Lutheran High School! It's called "Forty Days for Faith." The concept is simple. During the 2017-2018 school year, commit to praying for FLHS and supporting FLHS financially every day for forty straight days. You can pick up a letter with all of the details, as well as a commitment form, in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how you can support FLHS this coming school year!

**Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex  
2017 Bazaar Detail Calendar**

Sept. 9	1:00 PM	Firewood-Meet at the Duty's 512-581-2001
Sept. 10		Final meeting after church Deadline for non-perishables
Sept. 15	7:00 PM	Deadline for perishables Tag Auction items Bag Toys Get paper goods from upstairs Wash and pack Bazaar dishes "Lets eat sandwiches"
Sept. 16	1:00 PM	VFW Cleanup
	2:00 PM	Resume Tagging items
	4:00 PM	Load trailer for auction
		Load tables and game equipment on trailer
	10:00 PM	Start cooking fire
Sept. 17	12:00 AM	BBQ cooking begins
	6:00 AM	VFW opens – Set up begins
	8:30 AM	Worship service at VFW w/Communion Bazaar All Day
	11:00 AM	Serving meal begins
	1:00 PM	Auction begins After the fun – cleanup



**COMING OCTOBER 17-18, 2017:** We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed and electronic version of the new directory. Our directory won't be complete without you. Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board right after the Bazaar!

The Men's Club of Mt. Calvary in La Grange are having their annual **CHICKEN & SAUSAGE BBQ** on **TODAY**. It is drive through only and takes place at the 800 N. Franklin St. Parking Lot. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from La Grange Chevron, Lukas Bakery, any Men's Club member or at the church office.

### **MIDWEEK MEALS**

This year's midweek meals are being planned and prepared by one of Grace's new members, Sharon Reinberg. She served her previous congregation in Illinois in a similar manner, and we are overjoyed that God has brought her here to Grace! If you would like to assist in the cost of providing these meals, you can place your gift into the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Midweek Meals" as its designation. Sharon will also need help serving and cleaning up on Wednesday evenings; please speak to her about how you can assist! Thank you for your generous support of Christian education here at Grace.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

# **The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer**

## **Order for Family Devotions for September 10 - September 16, 2017**

### **Invocation**

**I**n the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

**Introit** (Bulletin, p.7)

**Learn by Heart:** *The Books of the Bible*

### **Daily Readings**

*Sunday:* 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18; Nehemiah 6-7

*Monday:* 2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2; Nehemiah 8

*Tuesday:* 2 Corinthians 6:3-7:16; Nehemiah 9-11

*Wednesday:* 2 Corinthians 8-9; Nehemiah 12-13

*Thursday:* 2 Corinthians 10; Job 1-3

*Friday:* Proverbs 19; Psalm 109

*Saturday:* Day off, or make up a reading you missed earlier in the week

**Hymn of the Week:** "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (*LSB* 579, Bulletin, p.13)

**Meditation:** *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

**Prayers** (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, pp.23-24 ; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; *LSB* pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* For the joy of the resurrection

*Monday:* For the salvation of our neighbors

*Tuesday:* For those struggling with sin

*Wednesday:* For parents and children

*Thursday:* For the Church and her pastors

*Friday:* For the spread of the Gospel

*Saturday:* For faithfulness until death

**Collect** (Bulletin, p.10)

**Apostles' Creed**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer**

**Benediction**

**I**n the grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**R** Amen.