

*Thank you for joining us for worship today.
If you are not familiar with a song, please listen to the beginning and join in when you can.
Please silence your cell phone as we worship together in God's House.*

✠ In Nomine Jesu ✠

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER'S GRACE

LSB 580

The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed To come and find eternal rest.

It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.

It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.

May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

C Amen.

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 God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P** Lord, we come to You now as sinners ready to confess.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love.**
- P** We confess that we have been sinful from birth and have done what is evil in Your sight.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great compassion.**
- P** We ask You to wash away our sin, to cleanse us whiter than snow.
- C** **Create in us pure hearts, O God.**
- 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7

- P** It is God who executes judgment,
- C** **putting down one and lifting up another.**
- P** We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
- C** **We recount your wondrous deeds.**
- P** At the set time that I appoint
- C** **I will judge with equity.**
- P** For not from the east or from the west
- C** **and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**
- P** But I will declare it forever;
- C** **I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** It is God who executes judgment,
- C** **putting down one and lifting up another.**

Song of Response

OPEN OUR EYES LORD

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord we want to see Jesus. **Repeat**

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with Your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–24

God warned the Israelites to not make a treaty with the people of the land. He warned them to only worship Him alone and no other god.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12–17

The Lord's abundant grace, selfless sacrifice, endless mercy, and immense patience for sinners like you and me is more than enough reason to lift a mighty shout of praise to the One and Only King Eternal! Hallelujah!

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please rise*)

Luke 15:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus illustrated the Father's relentless love through picture parables. One parable showed a shepherd leaving behind his flock of 99 to search for the one lost sheep and bring it home. The other parable told a story of a woman who lost a silver coin only to rejoice with her friends when she found it.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

LSB 740

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

Sermon

Offering

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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 Amen

Closing Song

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

LSB 664

Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Post-Service Music

✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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Please note: There are times throughout the worship service when tradition dictates we stand (for example, during prayers and communion preface). Tradition is important, but your ability to endure needs to be taken into consideration when these times last longer than a few minutes. Please use your judgment, and feel free to stay seated if this is best.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Pastor.....	Rev. Robert F. Weldon, Sr.
Guest Organist.....	Shirley Smith
Lay Reader.....	Dave Igneczi
Ushers.....	Patrick Trammell, Gary Bierly
Acolyte.....	Alexandria Reeves
Altar Guild.....	Gerri Brauer, Janet Stoffer
Tellers.....	Bill Krugman, Paul Jaroch

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the Glory of God by John & Jacob Holmen in memory of their Grandmother, Marion Schave's birthday and by Rick & Janet Stoffer in honor of their wedding anniversary.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

Rick & Janet Stoffer (48 yrs.)
Greg & Kathryn Kreps (4 yrs.)
Richard & Trudi Jennings (35 yrs.)

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Immediate Prayers:

Trudi Jennings, Amy Carstens, Jim Canan, JoAnn Pais.

Rehab/Nursing Home/Long-term Prayer Concerns:

For Grace Members:

Bill Brown, Audrey Joviak, Wendy Mertz, Ken Wahl, Sarah Learn, Jan Schindler, Emily Siegert, Wilomene Yonkof, Craig Jaroch, Betty Chavalia.

For Friends/Extended Family of Grace:

Amy Yates (Gail Yates' daughter)

Janice (Emily Siegert's friend)

Deannia (Pastor Weldon's mother)

LuAnne, Cindy & Jason (friends of the Canfield family)

Nick Snodgrass (Sue Snodgrass' husband)

Miles & Karen Light (friends of Eileen Palajac-Fallon)

Audrey & Christopher Loeser (Gerri Brauer's Daughter & Grandson)

Kathy Hance (Darlene McKinney's friend)

Lorraine Leshnak, Grazia Maiorca, Sue Kazamek, (Carol Kaminchak's friends)

Jill Young (Janet and Rick Stoffer's Sister-In-law)

Augie Piazza and family (past neighbor friend of Eileen Palajac-Fallon)

Jennifer Schibley (Kim Becka's friend)
Sandy Johnson (Alan & Lois Porter's friend)
Landon Fuge (friend of Palajac-Fallon family)
Bonnie (Leanna Brown's aunt)
Nicole Knepper (Eileen Palajac-Fallon's Niece-in-Law)
Gavin Coughlin (past preschooler)
Daryl Townsend (Emily Siegert's brother)
Gina Notley & son, Richard (Carol Kaminchak's daughter & Grandson)
Blake Hutchins (Michelle Kaminchak's son)
& Dean Hutchins (son) & **Shalena Matson** (friend of family) & their baby, **Nikoli**

Please notify the church office if a name should be moved or removed from our prayer list.

Also for those who are deployed:
Tori Dunham, Chris Okura.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY HOUSE DONATIONS: CANNED FRUIT

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAVAGANZA! Please don't wait if you are interested in the trip to Amish Country in December - stop by the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary to sign-up. We now have enough people signed up, but there is still space for a few more. Cost is \$389/person for double occupancy. **Also--for those who are going, and if you haven't paid in full, final payments due ASAP!**

We are participating in the **2ND ANNUAL POP TAB CHALLENGE** that runs from September 1st - December 3rd. This is a Thrivent Member Network-Ohio Valley Region event that benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities. Start saving your tabs from pop/tuna/soup cans and drop them off in the **BIG RED BOX** in the Narthex. The goal is to collect 10 million pop tabs. The churches/organizations that collect the most tabs during the challenge will receive a celebration luncheon!

**Please note the change below
for the start-up date for CMM!!**



CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY STARTS UP AGAIN on Tuesday, **October 1st** from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. This year all ages welcome (3-Highschool) Come have an Ice Cream Sundae! We will meet several times a month for music, crafts, prayer, fellowship & snack. We plan on singing in church on the 3rd Sunday of most months.



PRESCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE! Thank you to all who have sponsored a child/children. As of right now, we **only have 1 more "new" child left to sponsor!** Envelopes can be found on the round table in the hallway. At this point, please contact the church office for the child's name. If more register we will let you know. Our first batch of

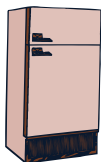
"Welcome Cards" from all sponsors were passed out to the children and sent home. The next cards will go out at Christmas inviting the preschool families to our Christmas Eve service.

The Preschool offers a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year to their parents and also the church members. Marco's pizza nights, Stoller pastries/goodies, Suzin-L Easter candy and currently, a **SAVEAROUND & KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK FOR \$25**. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to see the sample book and if you are interested in one (or more), please sign the sheet with your name and quantity. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Preschool and can be left in the can or given to the church office. **Deadline for orders w/payments is TODAY!**



THANK YOU TO SHIRLEY SMITH for filling in today as our church organist while Trudi recuperates!

Leanna Brown and her niece, Maddie, are leading a **THRVIENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT FOR THE FRIENDSHIP APL**. They are asking for items and/or cash donations for the animals at the APL. Please see the list of items needed and deposit in the box in the Narthex. Cash donations may be given directly to Leanna or the church office. If you have questions, please contact Leanna at 440-610-3917. Thank you for supporting our furry, loveable friends!



USED REFRIGERATOR AVAILABLE! We are getting rid of the refrigerator in the kitchen. If anyone is interested in a used frig, please see Richard Jennings.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
9:20 AM	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School Hour
10:30 AM	Worship

Monday, September 16th

10:00 AM	Hooks and Needles at the church
6:00 PM	AAUW Meeting in Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Altar Guild Meeting in Conference Room

Wednesday, September 18th

10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study
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Thursday, September 19th

6:00 PM	Girl Scouts
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Friday, September 20th

Gracevine Newsletter Deadline for October Edition

Saturday, September 21st

8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
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Sunday, September 22nd

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM	Worship
9:20 AM	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School Hour
10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
6:00 PM	Confirmation

Our purpose here at G L C is:

GAINING **L**IVES for **C**HRIST
GROWING **L**IVES in **C**HRIST

Ten Commandments

As the head of the family should teach them
in a simple way to his household

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love,
and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord
your God.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic
arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it
in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it
holy.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not despise preaching and His
Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and
learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not despise or anger our
parents and other authorities, but honor them,
serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor
in his body, but help and support him in every
physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent
life in what we say and do, and husband and
wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not take our neighbor's
money or possessions, or get them in any
dishonest way, but help him to improve and
protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

**You shall not give false testimony against
your neighbor.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not tell lies about our
neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his
reputation, but defend him, speak well of him,
and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not scheme to get our
neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a
way which only appears right, but help and be of
service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or
his manservant or maidservant, his ox or
donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbor.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so that we do not entice or force away our
neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn
them against him, but urge them to stay and do
their duty.

(Taken from Luther's Small Catechism with
Explanation, English Standard Version.)