

## EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

### Sunday September 4, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service  
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service  
4:00 pm AA Group

### Monday September 5, 2022

**Food Pantry Closed**  
*Church Offices are closed for  
Labor Day*

7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday September 6, 2022

**Food Pantry Closed**  
6:30 pm NA Meeting

### Wednesday September 7, 2022

**Food Pantry Closed**  
11:30 Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
7:00 pm Support Team Meeting  
7:00 pm NA Meeting

### Thursday September 8, 2022

**Food Pantry Closed**  
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

### Friday September 9, 2022

10:30 am Grace Stitchers  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

### Saturday September 10, 2022

*No events today*

### Sunday September 11, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service  
10:15 am Service of  
Remembrance & Healing  
4:00 pm AA Group



**Office will be closed on Monday  
in observance of Labor Day**

**September 5th**

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(609)927-3082

Grace Place Food Pantry

Reopens on Monday  
September 12th

### DEDICATIONS

The sanctuary flowers today are dedicated to Suzanne in honor of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday given with love from your sister, Roberta. The candles and bulletins are dedicated to all the teachers and students as they begin a new school year. Best wishes, Roberta Blumenthal. The wine is dedicated to honor God and his many blessings, given anonymously.

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Carry the cross  
and follow me

LUKE 14:27



## ✠GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH✠

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**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Glenn Englehart **Music Director:** Scott Breiner

**Guest Organist:** H. Ray Hunsicker

**Church Secretary:** Michelle Allen

~WELCOME~

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin. If you are visiting our church for the first time or have been away, welcome. Please sign our visitors book in the Narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card located in the seating areas of the sanctuary.

- ✚ Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ.
- ✚ Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus , and...
- ✚ Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.

We thank those serving in worship today...

Altar Guild: Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, Nancy and Ruth

Worship Assistant/Leader: Ruth Bowden

~IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS~

If you notice someone missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea by phone, Facebook, email or by calling the church office so we can lift their name in prayer next service. Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

**Members of Grace:** Jim C., Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Carol F., Carole T., and friends and family of Lois R., family & friends of Catherine M.

**Family & Friends:** Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot, Pastor Inge, Kristi and Lily, Amanda , Cat & Diana S.; Eileen, Marie, Beverlee & Darlene; Mary Anna, Anne B. & Frank; (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Stephanie B. (*Roberta Blumenthal*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Jeanne, & Mc Cowan Family (*Bowdens*); Max S. (*Clare Brick*) Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Bob & Kim (*Jim Foreman*) Annmarie & Michael Ann (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob & Lou (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg La Spina*); Janice, friends and family of Cindy (*Diana McArdle*) Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny & Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine, Sal & Ana (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Bob T. (*Brenda Traa*) Dottie C. (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*); family and friends of Marissa.

**Those serving our country:** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF; **At Home:** Robert & Mary Ellen Bartholomew, Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon, Barbara Johnson, & Skip Uhrmann; **Shores @ Wesley Manor:** Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble & Catherine Krattenmaker; **Woodview Estates:** Lorraine Moore

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God* ELW p.208

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have  
united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send  
us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your re  
deeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort  
you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

SENDING *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* ELW #802

Please be seated

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* by Andrew Campra

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 206

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

ELW p. 207

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*All text in **bold** is to be read aloud (**All respond**)*

*Please take part in our service by referring to these hymnals: red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**ELW**) and blue With One Voice (**WOV**)*

### GATHERING



#### WELCOME

Rev. Glenn Englehart

#### PRELUDE

*It is Well with My Soul*

by John Ness Beck

*Please stand as you are able*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**  
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW #660



**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.**

*Please turn to the front section of the red ELW hymnals.*

**KYRIE** **ELW p. 203**  
**HYMN OF PRAISE** **ELW p. 204**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

*Please be seated*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence*

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

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

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

*Pastor:* For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care *especially* those we name now or those we name in our hearts...*(prayer list p.1)* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* **ELW #667**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Blessed is the Man* by Jane Marshall

*Please stand as you are able*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **WOV#732**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

**Psalm: 1 (*Spoken*)**

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

**SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister,  
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:  
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God  
<sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the

Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

<sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### LUKE 14:25-33

*Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### SERMON

Rev. Glenn Englehart

*Please stand as you are able*