WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord.

Grace's Mission

♣ Sharing God's Grace♣ Living His Word♣ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 2, 2022

"WHOM DO YOU TRUST?"

AS WE GATHER

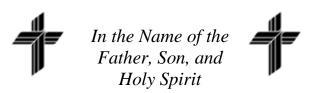
How strong is your faith? Jesus says in the Gospel that a tiny amount could do great deeds. We surely cannot trust ourselves, for we will certainly fail. Faith means trusting the giver, our gracious God. In today's Epistle, Paul notes that Timothy's faith came through his mother and grandmother. But Paul's trust is not in Timothy, but in "the power of God, who saved us . . . in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:8–9). Habakkuk didn't know that God would keep His Word in Christ but was told that God's promises were sure. The good news, which echoes throughout Scripture, is that "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). Today we hear that gracious Gospel again, the news that Christ "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Hearing that, we are enlivened to respond in word and song, energized to serve our gracious God in "power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

TEACHING CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Pase or the Elder on duty.

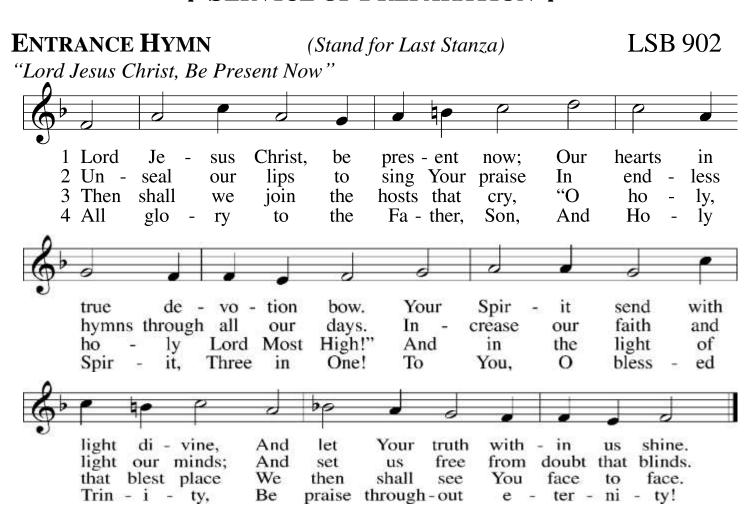
[If your health limits you, please don't feel required to stand during the worship service.]





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INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the **▼** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

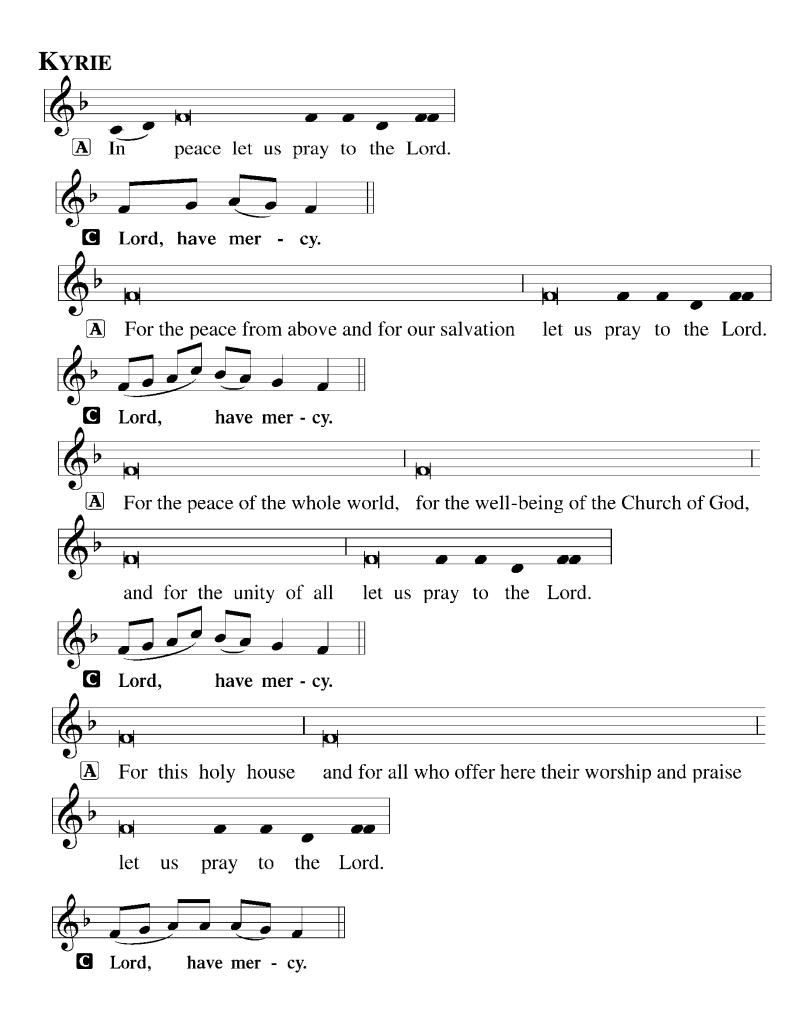
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

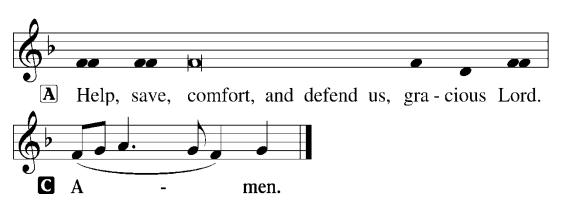
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection.)

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







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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

("How long shall I cry for help?" The righteous shall live by his faith.)

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. ¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 62; ANTIPHON V. 1

- **P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
- **P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- **C** from him comes my salvation.
- **P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- **C** I shall not be greatly shaken.
- P How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,
- **C** like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.
- They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.
- **P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
- **C** for my hope is from him.
- **P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- **C** I shall not be shaken.
- **P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;
- my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- P Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
- **C** God is a refuge for us.
- **P** Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;
- in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.
- **P** Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
- if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- P Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
- c that power belongs to God,
- **P** and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man
- **C** according to his work.
- A 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.
- **P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

EPISTLE

(Paul thanks God for the faith God has given Timothy.)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 8Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia. *Luke 17:3b*



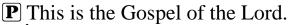
(Faith as a mustard seed.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.



¹And [Jesus] said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"





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LSB 587 HYMN OF THE DAY "I Know My Faith Is Founded" 1 I my faith is found ed Je - sus Christ, my know On 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav ior. For Sa - tan seeks by faith, Lord, let Though per - se - cu - tion, me serve You: God And this faith con - fess Un and Lord: my ing, rob trea night and day To of this sure And me Should seek grief, and pain to o - ver - whelm Let me. His T stand sure Word. Our rea moved on not son can take hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be my me stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de a fath om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man un - dis - mayed; side me, I shall be And led by Your good ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es par to on shift - ing Re - lies God's Word wis ground. dom I shall be un - a fraid. A bide with Spir it. her it As all You said holds true. In life and cient, It makes di - vine - ly suf - fi sure: And all A firm - er faith be Then O Sav - ior, stow; death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I Where gain. wis - dom, My faith shall rest trust - ing in its se - cure. shall bid ev - 'ry

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SERMON TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14 **SERMON TITLE:** "GUARDING THE DEPOSIT"

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NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

✓ of the world to come. Amen.

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WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

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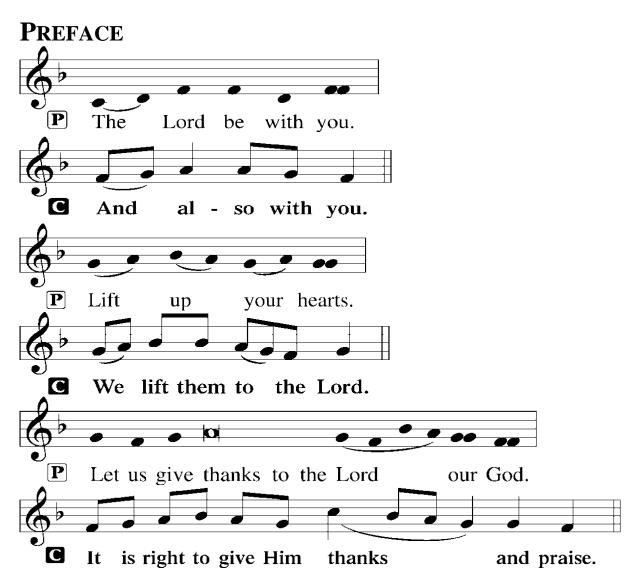
"We Walk By Faith"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

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

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **→**



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS Ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, of pow'r and might: ly, God ho full of Your glo-ry. Heav-en and earth are Ho - san-na. Bless-ed is He san - na in the high - est. Ho san-na. comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 ▶ 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 ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

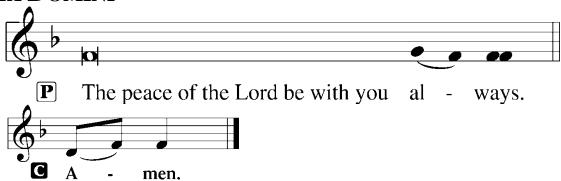
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

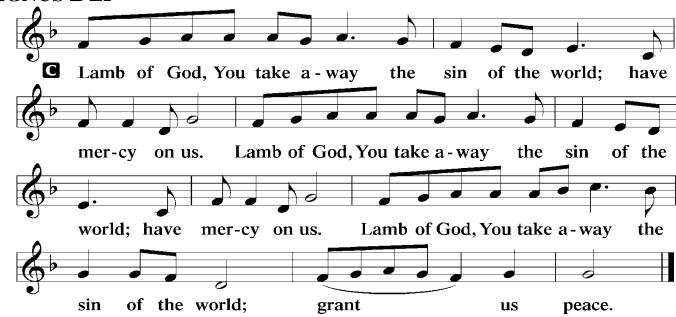
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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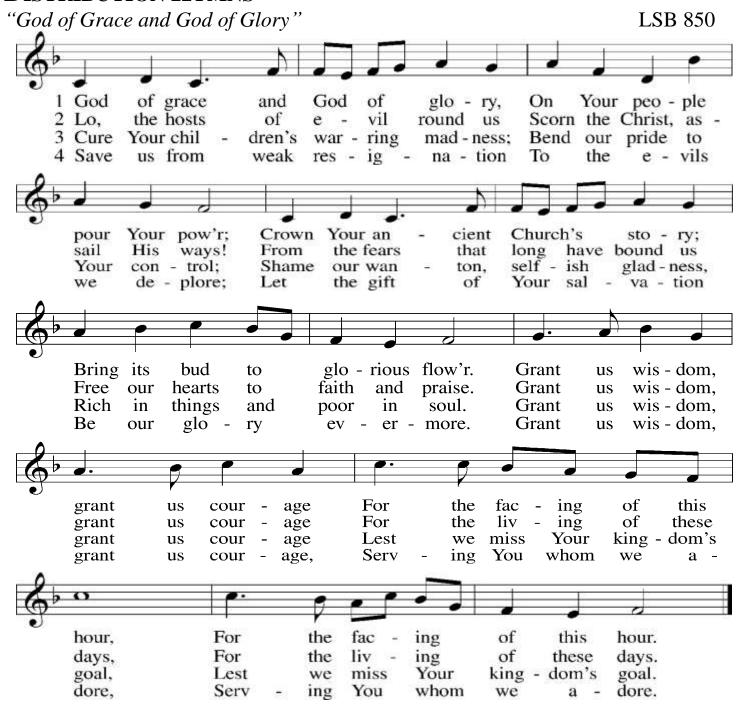


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LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,

2 Oh, this boun-teous Through all may God our life be near us, 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es; With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

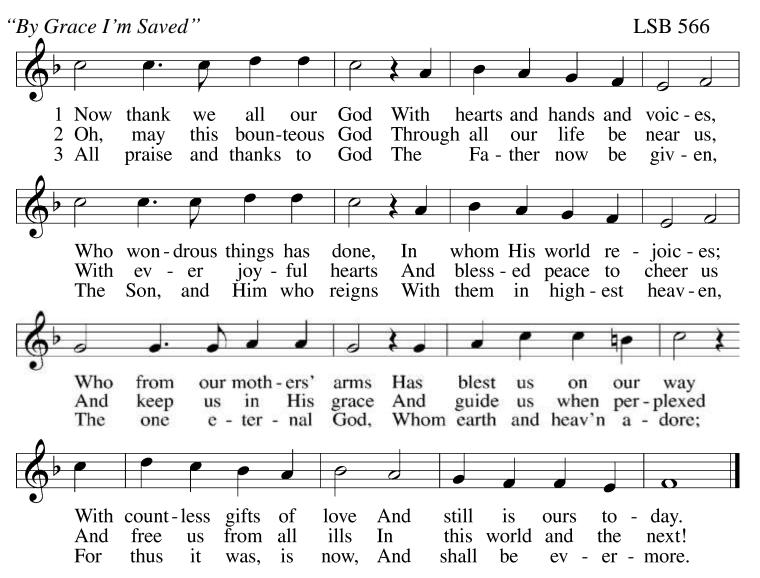


Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us our way on guide us when per-plexed And keep us in His grace And Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; The one e - ter - nal God,



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day. free all In this world and And from ills the next! us thus is And shall be was, For it ev - er - more. now,

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(Please Stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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 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 Amen.

BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26



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 I give you peace.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART LSB 923 (Stand for Last Stanza) "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" Fa - ther, Which through Your 1 Al might - y bless the Word praise You for of home - ward 2 We the means grace As 3 Praise God, from whom bless - ings Praise all flow; Him, all now have heard. Oh, the pre - cious may grace we Grant, now our steps we trace. Lord, that we who Praise Him crea - tures here be low; bove, a ye take Spring a - bun - dant fruit! up, seed root, and bear wor - shiped here May all last in heav'n at ap pear. Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Praise Son, and Но Ghost. host: 1y

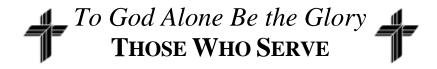
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POSTLUDE

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	Stephen DeShaw
	Todd Byars
	Josh Jones
Teller	Alanna Stansell
Altar Guild	Kelli Jones / Pat Lufholm
Nursery	Gwen McWhorter
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GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation's leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

❖ Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, & Holly Walker.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Barbara Horn (BJ's daughter-in-law) is in Manor Park Rehab.
- ❖ Carole Clay is recovering from a 9/12 left knee replacement.
- ❖ Gary Menix (Fern DeLaGarza's nephew) was diagnosed with Stage 2 cancer. He's in Corpus Christi for treatment.
- ❖ David Hite (Amy Turner's brother in Michigan) the melanoma in his eye has not spread. A radiated disk will be inserted on 10/10 and removed on 10/14.
- ❖ Serenity Hope Williams (5 yr. old daughter of Amy Turner's friend) doctors now believe she has Acute Flaccid Myelitis. She's on a vent and paralyzed from the neck down.
- ❖ Irene Greenhaw is at Manor Park Rehab.
- ❖ Larry Nunnenkamp (Lisa Dalager's dad) has severe back pain and is looking at surgery.
- ❖ Geneva Gardea (Manuel's wife) has pneumonia and was moved to ICU. She is doing a little better but still confused.
- * Kamey Grabowski (Jason Hawkins' sister) got positive results from her PET scan. Her chemo meds will now be adjusted.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ❖ Patrick Bynum, Jr. (Ross Bynum's dad) died 9/12.
- ❖ Emily (friend of Stephanie Mitchell) died 9/13.
- ❖ Jon Wolfmueller (Thomas' uncle) died 9/21.
- * Katherine Monroe (Teresa Clingman-DeShaw's sister) died 9/25.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the glory of God by

Gary & Sandra Parsley

In celebration of 27 wonderful years with our son Derick Parsley's birthday on October 3rd. A true blessing from our Lord

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PLEASE SEE GRACE IN ACTION FOR THE WEEK'S CALENDAR AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MINISTRY OF OUR CONGREGATION!