



WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, October 26th, 2025 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



20th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on our website

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870/Red Hymnal

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...Holy God:

C: our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 84:1-7

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the
pilgrims' way.

⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

ALL: Glory to you O Lord

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504/Red Hymnal

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.

Please respond accordingly



P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

P: Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all music ministers of this congregation. Transform your church through the musical arts. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion Hymns:

Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand

Take My Life, that I May Be

Thy Strong Word

ACS 1024

ELW 685/Red Hymnal

ELW 511/Red Hymnal

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely Soprano and Alto. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 4 on the first system and 5 and 6 on the second system. The lyrics are: 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love; 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King; 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise. take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee. take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For created light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944
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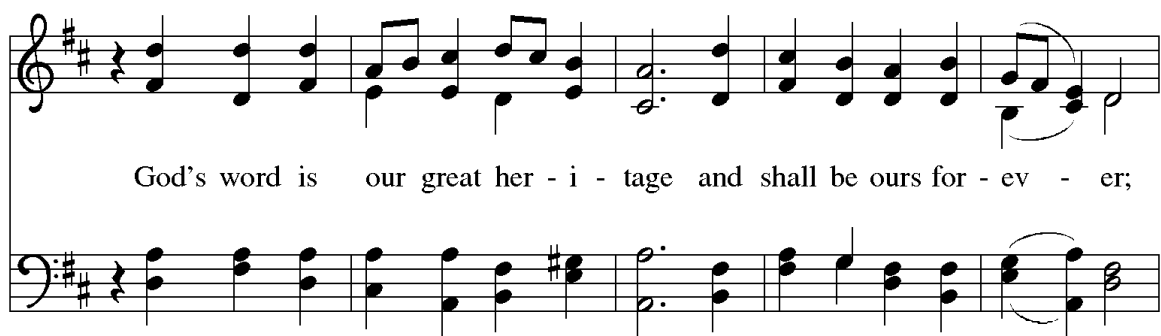
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God,

C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

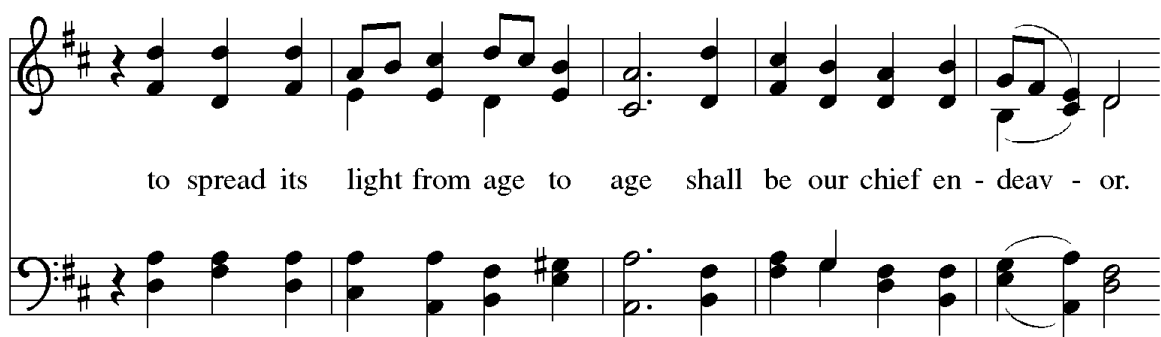
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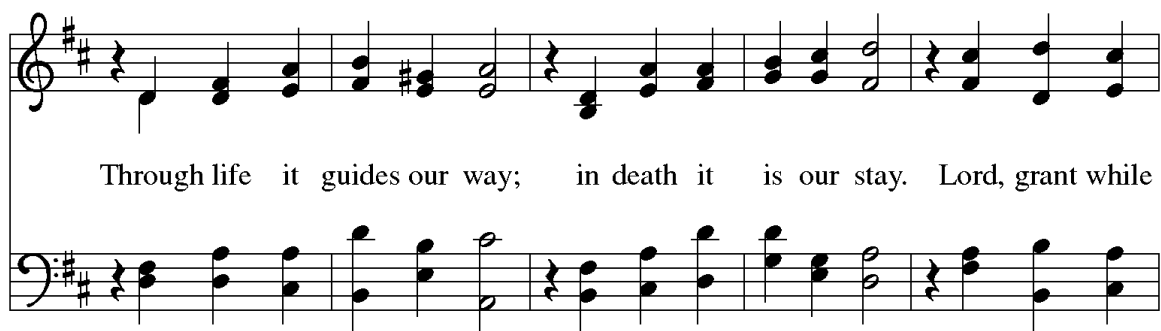
God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



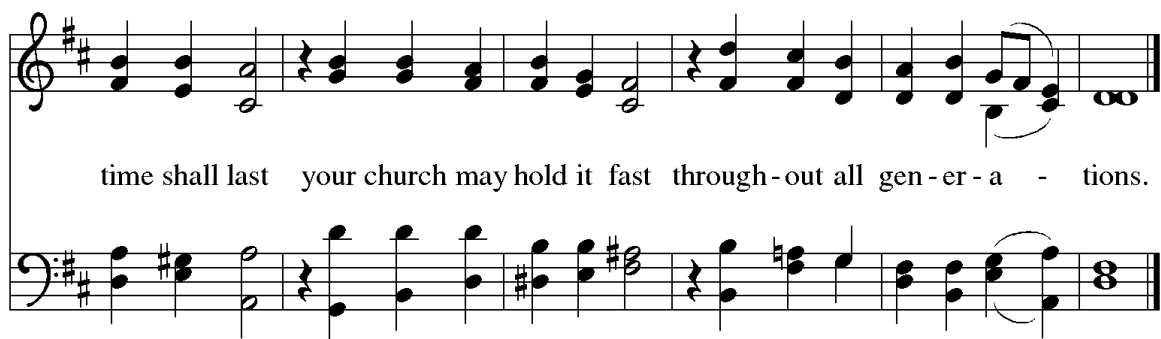
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

The third system introduces a new line of the hymn. The treble staff has a more active melody with some eighth notes, while the bass staff remains mostly chordal.



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thy Strong Word

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Jerusalem will be defeated

Sirach 35:12-17 (alternate)

God is impartial in justice and hears the powerless

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The good fight of faith

Joel 2:23-32

The LORD promises to restore Israel

Psalms 65

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

10/26/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Lori U'Ren in honor of her birthday and Jan Myers in memory of Mike.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Please be advised that Vision Team has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Nov. 2 to discuss / review masonry work / repairs that are needed on the church building. Areas of concern are the piers on west walls of the church and a few areas on other parts of the older portion of the building. This proposal is over \$5,000 which requires congregational approval. We request your attendance after the worship service on Nov. 2. ****Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 1st -- "fall back"****

COFFEE HOUR Coffee hour will take place next Sunday, Nov. 2nd right after our congregational meeting. Please join us for some tasty treats and fellowship!

LINE DANCING takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm through December 11th in Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome!

REBECCA CIRCLE will be having their annual December luncheon on December 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet with more details in the gathering area when you first walk into the church. We hope you can join us!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Are you looking for ways to be a little more involved in our church each week? We have a variety of tasks that take place before and during each Sunday worship service, such as preparing communion and altar, reading our announcements and Bible reading, ushering, running the PowerPoint during the service. A variety of ways to be a part of our worship behind the scenes or up front. Please see Pastor for more information.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL takes place every Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15am – 1:15pm. There are still a few spots remaining on Wednesdays. If you know of anyone with a child ages 3-5, please let them know of this engaging Christian preschool program. More info can be found on our website, www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool or you can contact Janice Muncie at 630-854-1066.

SECURITY FOR PRESCHOOL Please be reminded that our Preschool policies are that all entry doors remain locked during preschool hours. If you need to come into church, we ask that you lock the door behind you, and of course ensure it is locked when you depart. And this is a good time for another request for anyone in and out of church or the last one here at church, please check all exit doors on both levels to ensure they are locked.

SHOE BOX COLLECTION in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Nancy Corbige continues to collect email addresses for the Pottawatomie Partnership email distribution list. We currently have a house in-build in St. Charles. (Questions, you may call or text Nancy at 847-212-0237.)

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. ***Thank you for your generous donations!***

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (please note the new website address ends in a “.org” rather than a “.com”)

NOISY OFFERING We collect your loose change as the coins add up, and do help to offset unexpected expenditures - the latest of which was replacing the pressure tank for our well system!

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE We are thankful for your offerings and donations given to Grace. Offerings received as of Oct. 20: \$6,157. Our weekly donation goal is ~ \$4,000.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Are you familiar with IT/computer technology/livestreaming? We are seeking several people to assist in preparation and recording our church services (during the week +/- or during worship service). Please contact Pastor or Tricia Painter ~ **please consider!**

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 131st year of ministry ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.

* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren

* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey

* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

* The continued support of our members

* For all members of healthcare around the world

* For those serving as first responders and in the military

* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:

Betty Boor, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, Kathy Hooey and family, Rick Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Paul Mantsch, Joan Mortensen, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Cara Turner and Family, Bud Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Kathy Barton (mother of Tom Barton), Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Linden Breyne (grandson of Vicki Linden), Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, Family of Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, **Marc Pluskowski (dear friend of Heidi Anderson)**, John Schnaitman, Nancy Sinclair (cousin of Kathy Jackson and Vicki Linden), Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer shawl needs.