



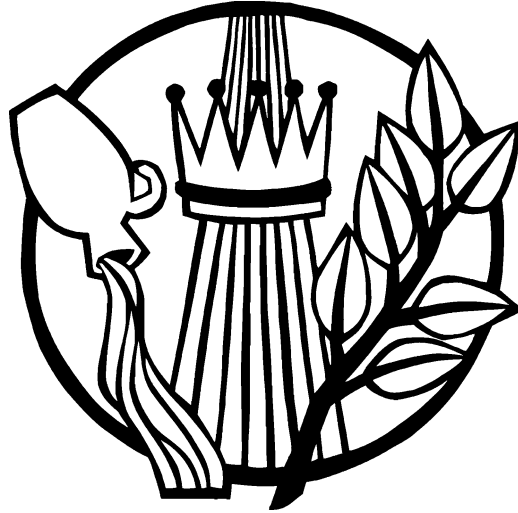
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Sunday, September 15th, 2024 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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.*

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Emmy Brannen & James Gwizdala

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Blessing of SCS Teachers and Children

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

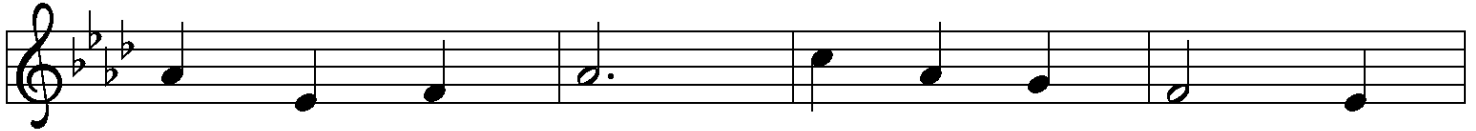
C: Amen.

OPENING SONG

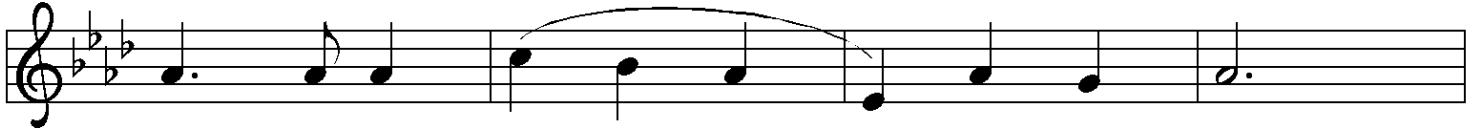
Earth and All Stars

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Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!



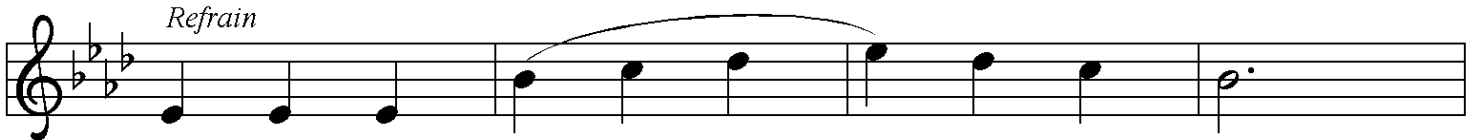
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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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: O God,

C: through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, 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:

Psalms 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

- ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
- ²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.
- ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- ⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.
- ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.
- ⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

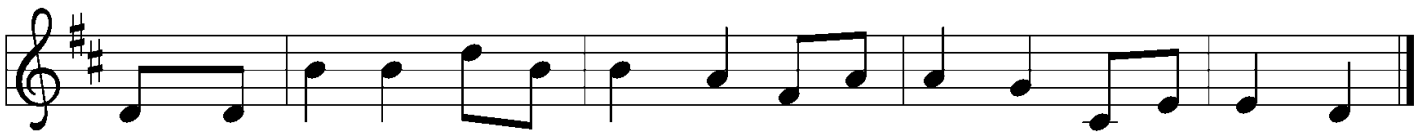
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Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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: Blessed are you, O God,

C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)

Offertory Music

O Christ, Surround Me

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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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: 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:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

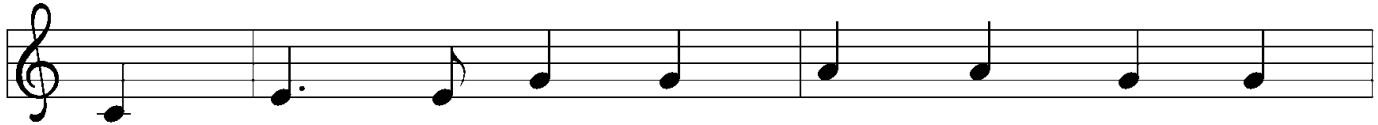
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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone. re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

God, Bless the Hands



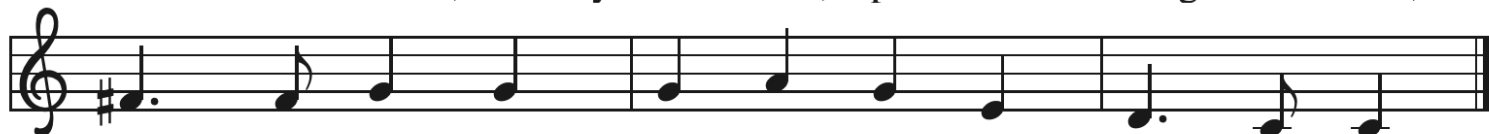
1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

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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 the 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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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom's rebuke to the foolish

Psalm 19

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul. (*Ps. 19:7*)

Wisdom 7:26—8:1 (alternate)

God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. (*Ws. 7:28*)

9/15/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF CREATION

The 2024 Ecumenical Counsel (including the Lutheran World Federation) chose the theme "To hope and act with Creation". The annual Christian celebration happens each year to pray and respond to the cry of Creation, between September 1st, the Feast of

Creation, and October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year, the symbol that will guide the season is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19- 25. The times we live in demonstrate that we do not relate to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but as a resource to be used. "Creation groans" (Rom 8:22) because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm it. However, Creation teaches us that hope is present in waiting, in the expectation of a better future (cf. Rom 8:20-21).

To hope in the biblical context does not mean to remain still and silent, but to groan, to cry out and to struggle actively for a new life in the midst of difficulties. Creation and all human beings are called to worship the Creator, working for a dynamic future from which the first fruits of hope can spring.

WORSHIP MASKING-Update We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL during communion of the carpeting going down the aisles in the sanctuary. It tends to be "looser" in the summer months and potentially a little bumpy.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are donated by Helen Gruber with thanks to God for the many blessings she has received.

SPECIAL NOTE from Chili Lindgren. "Thank you so much for making my BIG birthday so special. I am so grateful. God has blessed me with loving family and wonderful friends!"

LINE DANCING has begun and takes place Wednesdays from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall.

PARENTS DAY OUT program has begun here at Grace on Wednesdays from 9:15am – 1:15pm. We had a great first day of class on the 11th and look forward to a wonderful year with all the little learners! We're looking for donations of baby wipes, Kleenex and paper towels if anyone has any to spare. Please see Janice Muncie. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL Rally Day for Sunday School is today, Sept. 15th at 9:30am!

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

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

NO COFFEE HOUR on Oct 6th. **INSTEAD**, Oct 13th.

ROAD RUNNERS “Adventures in the Smokies” begins TODAY, Sept. 15th. Everyone returns on Sept. 21st. Blessings and safe travels to all!

OKTOBERFEST at Grace on September 28th from 5 – 8pm! Hay rides, Kids games, bouncy house, food and fellowship! Please see the Oktoberfest board in the Narthex and volunteer to help with various times of the event or for possibly a donation of items to add to our festivities – thank you for your support – we look forward to an eventful evening! Any question see George Theros, call or text 630-461-0376.

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

GRACE’S FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Oct. 4th and 5th. We would appreciate that you safekeep your rummage sale donations until September 21st. PLEASE - No drop-offs in church entryways or classrooms. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IN THIS REQUEST.

GRACE’S 130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on Sunday, Oct 13th 9:30am with cake and coffee to follow. We will have a guest speaker, Paster Ana Kari, joining us.

FINANCE TEAM is looking for volunteers to sign up as a Counter (counting our weekly offerings). We would like to have a rotating list of volunteers. Please see Linda Smykowski or Tricia Painter for further details.

WORSHIP TEAM is looking for volunteers to sign up to help run our church service PowerPoint presentation. We have a list of volunteers but 3 of them are SS teachers and limited on their availability during SS dates. Please see Tricia Painter to learn more about a simple but very necessary component to our Sunday service.

NOISY OFFERING We continue to collect weekly noisy offering to help offset various costs of specific expenses or a specific fundraiser. If you wish to contribute to the "Building Maintenance Fund" - please mark this specific donation on your check. These donations are for unplanned/unbudgeted building maintenance repairs. Thank you for your support!

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

MISC ITEMS NEEDED/REQUESTED ** Cathy Whiteside is seeking plastic storage containers (of manageable size) with lids if possible. If you have any you no longer are using, please drop them off at church on the lower level and pls leave a note with Cathy's name on it. Please see Cathy Whiteside – and thank you for your assistance. ** Thank you to Megan Brannen for taking care of our outside sign! **

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!***

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings received last week 9/9: \$2,529. Our weekly goal is ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130th 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... Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Craig Bradley, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist), Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Shana Holtz, Stacy Hooey, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Paul Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Brent and Taylor Miller and their families, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bill Werrline, Bob Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Emily Peters, Carol Prevenas, Janelle Ream, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, John Swanson (Margaret Swanson's son), Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Ron Wilken (Missy Barton's father), Bud Wise, Albert Zegiel & Barbara Zegiel.

Some sad news from Beth Nelson Smayda, the daughter of Pastor Norm and Joan Nelson. Norm passed away on Sept 2nd at the Lexington Square Care Center. His Memorial Service will be on Oct. 12th at his longtime church in Downers Grove and his ashes will be brought here on Oct. 13th.

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.