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Sunday, August 25th, 2024 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



14th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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

God be the Love to Search and Keep Me

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

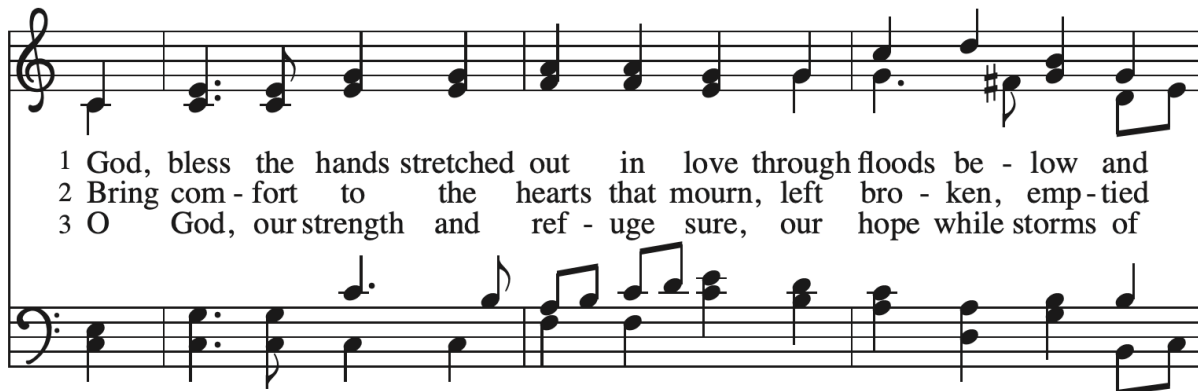
C: Amen.

OPENING SONG


God, Bless the Hands

ACS 1022

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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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: Holy God,

C: your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through 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: Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

L: ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**C: ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

L: ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**C: ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

L: ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**C: ²⁰God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

L: ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**C: ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You O Christ!**

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor Jane Perkolup

SONG OF DAY

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

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Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

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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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: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to
be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Beautiful Savior

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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the
church, the world, and all in need.



A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

All: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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:

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Here is Bread

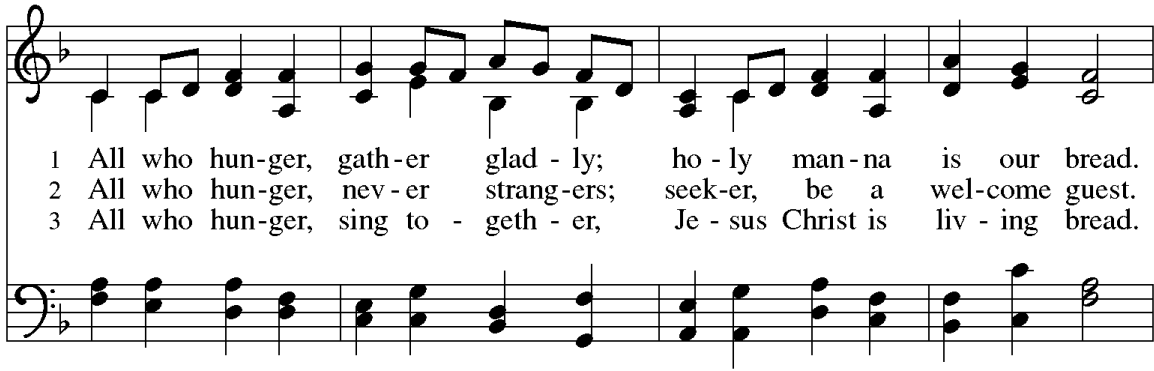
Here Would I Feast

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



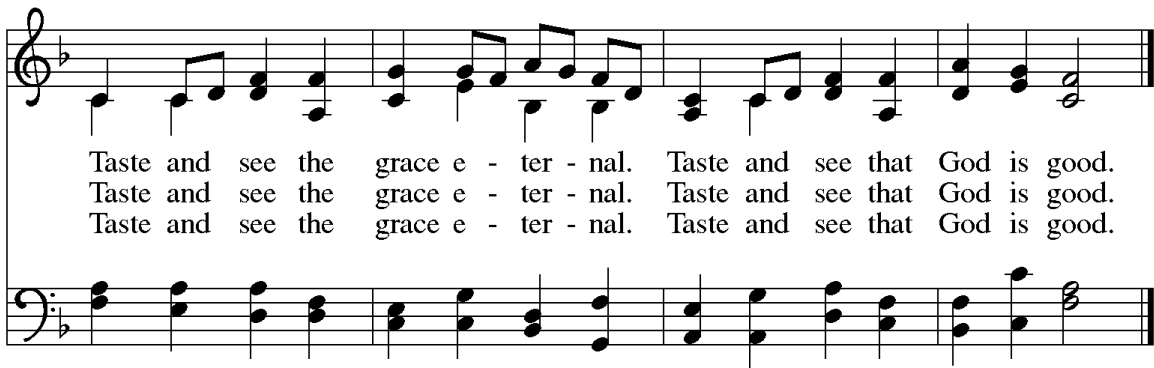
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

VERSE

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C Fm/C

Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - cified.

CHORUS

Fmaj7 F6 Em7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 B \flat /C C B \flat /D C/E

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's life for - ev - er.

14 Fmaj7 F \sharp o Em7 A+7 Dm7 G7 C D.C. C

In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.

Here Would I Feast

Aquí del pan partido tomaré



1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,
 2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;
 1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,
 2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nión;
 mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



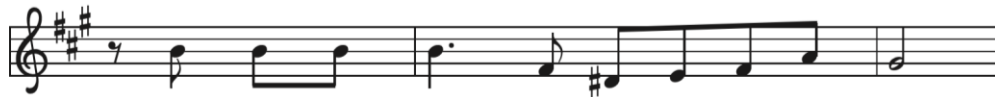
tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré
 Por e - lla y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.
 per - dón, con - sue - lo y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na a - quí;
 3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



la fies - ta pa - sa, mas no a - sí el a - mor.
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,
 The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,



cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889; tr. T. W. Speaks
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

God Be With You Till We Meet Again ELW 536/Red Hymnal

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain,

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the armor of God

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Solomon's prayer at the temple dedication

Psalms 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD. (Ps. 84:1)

8/25/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Twyla and Lee Strom in honor of Lee's birthday! Our second bouquet is donated by the Lindgren family in honor of Chili's 90th birthday! Love and God blessings to both of these special friends of Grace!

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Chili Lindgren is today, August 25th, with cake and coffee following worship.

PARENTS DAY OUT program begins here at Grace on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15am – 1:15pm on September 9th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Rally Day for Sunday School start on 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.

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP will continue in the Pavilion through August.

NO COFFEE HOUR on Sept 1st or Oct 6th. **INSTEAD**, Sept 7th & Oct 13th.

ROAD RUNNERS “Adventures in the Smokies” Sept. 15th – 21st, See Grace webpage for more info www.graceoflilylake.org

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. Guest speaker!

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.

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

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. ** We are looking for a few volunteers who would help with changing our church signage every couple of weeks. Please see Cathy Whiteside – and thank you for your assistance. **

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 8/19: \$1,588. 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 ... Bob Acker, 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.

*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.*