

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The 19th Sunday
after Pentecost**

October 4, 2026



PRELUDE

*Sonata No. 1 – Movement 4 by Arcangelo Corelli
Helen Biddinger & Barb Ziebold*

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

A: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Compassionate God,

C: **We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW # 477

I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

THE GREETING

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

C: **And also with you!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 16:2-15

Faced with hunger in the wilderness, the Israelites longed for life back in Egypt and wished they had never left. Then God miraculously and graciously gave them quails and manna to eat.

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it,

they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

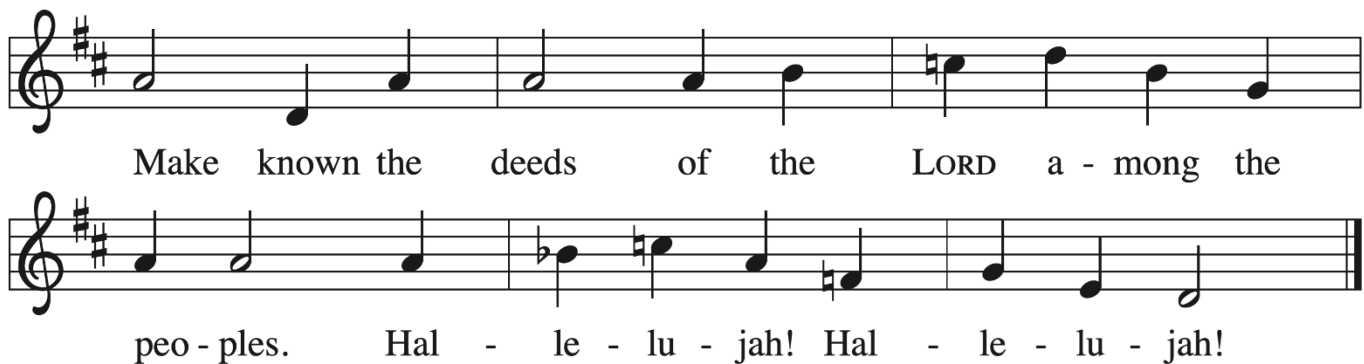
R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

The Cantor will sing the verses as the congregation response in singing the refrain.



¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

² Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. *Refrain*

³⁷ You led out your people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

³⁸ Egypt was glad to see them go, because they were afraid of them.

³⁹ You spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light by night.

⁴⁰ They asked, and you brought quail, and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

⁴¹ You opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

⁴² For you remembered your holy word and Abraham your servant. *Refrain*

⁴³ So you led forth your people with gladness, your chosen with shouts of joy.

⁴⁴ You gave your people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

⁴⁵ that they might keep your statutes and observe your teachings. Hallelujah! *Refrain*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather for an activity by the chapel.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about

them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

PR. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 474

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

THE CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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 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.

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

CHOIR

For the Beauty of the Earth
John Rutter

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
No gifts have we to of - fer for what your love im - parts



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
but what you most would trea - sure— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

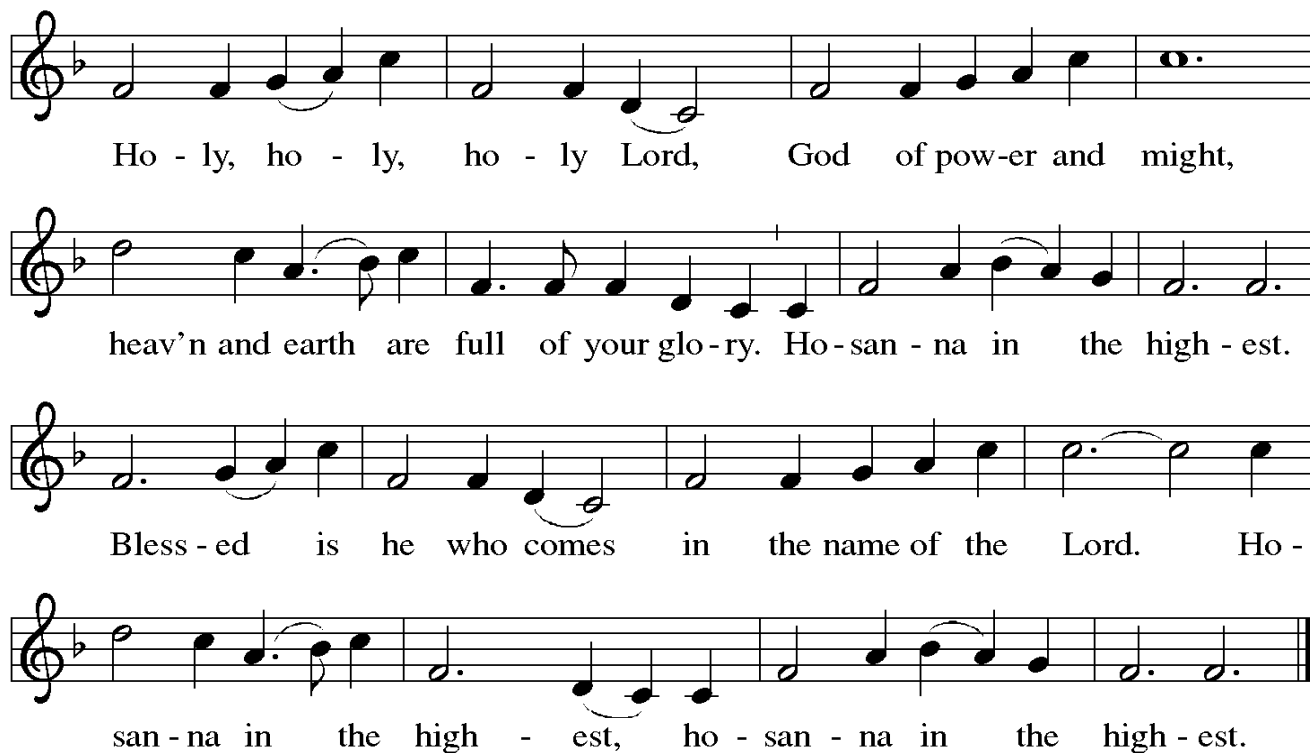
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

C: 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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 480

O BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

After all have communed, you are invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love. May we follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord to be of one mind, living as the body of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW #769

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace.

A: Encourage one another.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SERVING IN WORSHIP	
GREETERS: NARTHEX	Sandy Burmeister Roger Haynes
GREETERS: BAKER STREET	Dan & Carol Polter
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Becky Seibert
READER	John Burmeister
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Beth Muffler
DEACONS	Mindy & Mark Gedeon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, by Linda Martin and family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given as a gift to the congregation. (**Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.**)

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY please remember: Diane Berryman, Janet Bowles, Krista Culbert, Peggy Dorr, Jackie Mowry, Mary Nossaman, Rilee Overmyer, Tim Rutherford, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

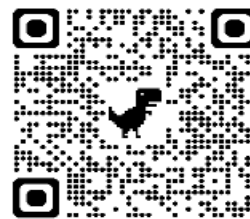
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STANDING AT THE OPEN DOOR 2026 STEWARDSHIP

GATHERINGS – Much like our campaign last year, we will once again gather around the table to share a meal and conversation. Please scan the QR code for a full list of dates, times and menus. We look forward to sharing a meal with you!



FALL YOUTH FUNDRAISER – On October 24 from 9 am – noon, come learn how to make mosaic coasters or a mosaic sign with your house number. Immerse yourself in the calm of arranging pieces of glass to make a beautiful pattern. The cost is \$20 for two coasters or \$50 to make your house number. Payment is due a week prior to the workshop. Proceeds will benefit youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering or attending summer camp in 2027. For more information contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or by calling 419-307-1808.

CRAFTING SPACE AVAILABLE October 24 from 8 am – 6 pm for those who don't want to craft alone. To reserve your space contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or by calling 419-307-1808. Cost is \$20 and payable at the door.

PACK 302 HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU ... Do you have a child interested in Scouting? You are invited to come to learn more about what scouts have to offer on October 11 the pack will meet at 3:30 pm at Walsh Park.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY² WITH PR. BAILEY – Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into the weekly Bible readings? If so, come spend time with Pr. Bailey and Jesus on Mondays at 11:30 am in the lounge, eat a peanut butter & jelly sandwich and learn more about the weekly scripture readings.

FALL BIBLE STUDY WITH PR. BAILEY will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm starting in the large classroom in the Sunday school hallway. This group will use the five week "Way of Love" study from the Synod. During our time together we will explore John's first letter to the church and ponder what it means to be in community with one another while we are surrounded by and united in the love of God that was revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet at 1 pm on Tuesdays in the lounge. This fall her group will begin a study called *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*. The purpose of this study is to help people take control of their thoughts and fears.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION BACKPACK BUDDIES HAS RETURNED AND NEEDS OUR HELP! We are currently in need of the following items: oatmeal packets, Nutri-Grain bars, cold cereal, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, individual mac-n-cheese cups, pasta cups, cans of soup, individual heat and eat soups, individual serving cups of peanut butter, cups of applesauce, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, pudding cups, cookies, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, granola bars, Teddy Grahams, microwave popcorn, Ritz crackers, Rice Krispie Treats, milk, yogurt, beef sticks, Oatmeal Cream Pies and peanuts. We are also accepting monetary donations. These gifts help us to fill in any gaps in donations. Your check should be made payable to LIFT and please write Backpack Buddies on the memo line.



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OCTOBER 4 - 11, 2026

Today NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 – Worship
10:15 – Confirmation – Youth Room
3:30 – Pack 302 Sell Popcorn at Kroger

Monday

9:00 – Project Day
11:30 – PB & J²
1:00 – Bible Study with Maureen – Lounge
6:30 – Bible Study with Pr. Bailey

Tuesday

Wednesday

11:00 – Stewardship Meeting
5:00 – Mid-Week Youth Huddle
5:15 – Handbells
5:30 – Parent's Support Group
6:00 – S.L.A.M.
6:30 – Jesus, Games & Crafts (Youth)
6:30 – Choir

Thursday

11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Saturday

4:00 – Worship

Sunday

8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 – Worship
10:30 – Stewardship Bruch
3:30 – Pack 302 Den Meeting at Walsh Park

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 138

Called to Present the Light of Christ!