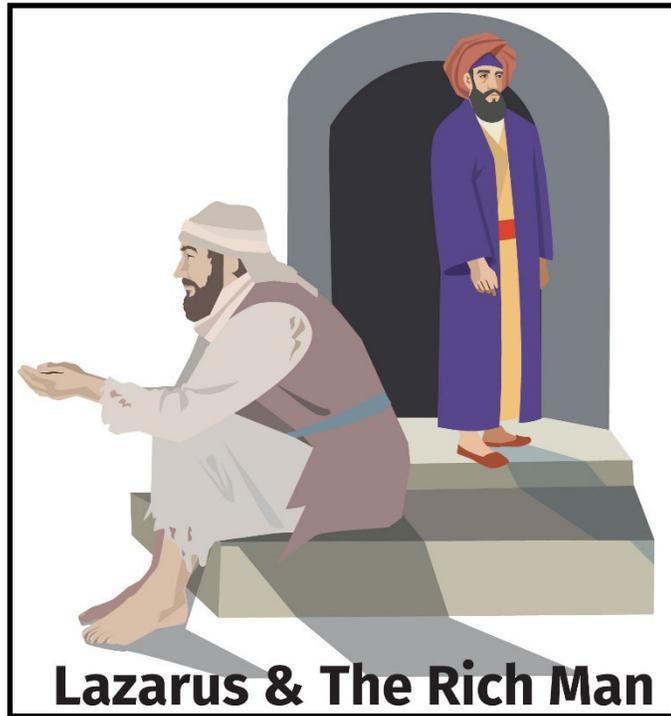


The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 25, 2022  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to fill out the "Attendance & Communion" Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

\* - PLEASE STAND

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### PRELUDE:

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or sit, as able.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

#### \*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” vs. 1-3**  
(Found in the Blue ‘With One Voice’ Hymnal #671)

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE:**

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:**

***“Glory to God”***



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- migh- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



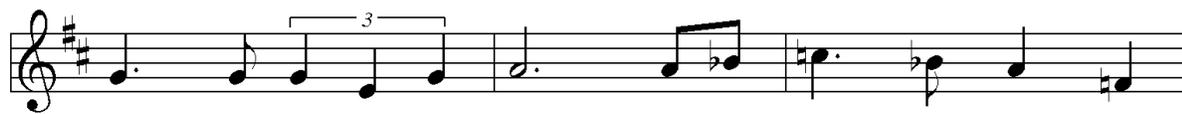
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**I** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
**II**



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us Pray—Redeeming Lord, only in Jesus can we be set free from the power of sin and death. Instill in your church wise and generous hearts that we may be faithful stewards of the grace and love we have received from you;

**C through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1-7**

A A reading from Amos:

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup>Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146**

A <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**C <sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

A <sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

**C <sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

A <sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

**C <sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

A <sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD

lifts up those who are bowed down;

**C** **<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**A** <sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 3:1-13**

**A** A Reading from first Timothy:

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. <sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>{Jesus said to the Pharisees,} “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Back when I was a kid, there was a TV show that taught us basic lessons. For example, two people would each say part of a word, then walk toward each other so that the whole word came together. Let's try that right now. On one side: "self." Nothing wrong with being a "self." That's how God made you, as a unique person. On the other side is a different part of a word, "ish." "Ish" is what I say when I see something that's unpleasant. What happens if we keep moving those two sides together? Self----ish, self-ish, selfish. Notice that the "ish" part just took over! You know what it means to be selfish, don't you? Only faith can cure it. That's how we get out of ourselves: Looking to God and trusting Him; caring about other people. Jesus shows us the way in all of these things. Let's pray...

## **SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson:**

### **Amos for the Ages**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Who doesn't want life to flow along in an easy manner? Who doesn't want a feeling of personal and national security? Even so, from a Christian perspective, can we say that *ease* and *peace* are the same thing? Is *security* the same as *hopefulness*? Answers begin to emerge as we pay attention to the readings for today:

Amos 6:1, "*Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria...*".

Psalms 146:4, "*Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God.*"

Could it be that those who are not so at ease in the world are most open to the hope that's in God, alone, and most likely to be engaged in the kind of search that's propelled by a deep sense of a need for help? On the other hand, if something was to prevent fallen people from seeking help, which would be the greater impediment, an *external power* bossing us around, or some *internal enticement* that sabotages any inclination to goodness? We aren't the first to ponder such things.

The year was 1949, and many people were still coming to terms with the aftermath of the second World War, when a British writer named George Orwell captured much attention with his futuristic book, Nineteen Eighty-four. It was a vision of what might happen if the world was taken over by an oppressive, bureaucratic power, "Big Brother" monitoring every move. The fear was of an external threat to basic liberties, outsiders trying to control us. The actual year

arrived, 1984, and many Americans looked around and sort of breathed a sigh of relief. Maybe it wasn't so bad after all.

But there had been another British writer who didn't capture as much attention, yet whose warnings were equally valid about a tyranny of a different kind. Aldous Huxley wrote Brave New World in 1931 with the idea that human beings may become captives not just through external oppression, but also through the development of our own ways of making ourselves feel good.

It was an American author, Neil Postman, who compared and contrasted the two futurists with this helpful summary: "Whereas Orwell feared that what we hate will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we love will ruin us." Isn't that a haunting thought? Postman titled his 1985 book: Amusing Ourselves to Death. Yes, a solid tree can be brought down by a strong enough external wind. But how many trees fall simply because they've begun to rot inside? How can we see an enemy that's actually our very own appetite running wild?

In his book, Postman made the interesting case that at different points in our nation's history certain cities represented the country's development and character. There was Boston in the 1700s, revolutionary, educated, principled; the mid-1800s saw New York's Ellis Island as an open-armed welcome to freedom and opportunity; in the early 1900s there was Chicago, the city with "big shoulders," symbolic of a nation of "railroads, cattle, steel mills and entrepreneurial adventures." And which city did this 1980s author see as representative of his own time? His finger landed firmly on the map: Las Vegas, "a city entirely devoted to the idea of entertainment..." (pg. 3).

One person who did not need to be entertained was the Prophet Amos, with his sharp words in our first lesson. He was the one chosen by the Lord nearly 2,800 years ago to indict the northern Kingdom in the land of Israel, especially its leaders. It was a "self-indulgent society" in search of convenience and luxury. Which meant that justice became a secondary matter, right along with faithfulness. Oh, they worshiped, but what were they worshiping? Is there any chance that they had formed an idol of a deity that reinforced their own image of themselves? Whatever it was, it most certainly was *not* the living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In their indulgence, they didn't see that their nation was rotting from the inside, that not everyone was doing well, and that there were consequences for immorality, injustice and idolatry. Amos was shocked that the people were "*not*

*grieved over the ruin of Joseph*" (vs. 6). Apparently, they didn't even notice it! "Joseph," by the way, represents the region of Samaria, where ancient Joseph's ancestors came to reside. It was a good land, flowing with milk and honey. But were the hearts of the people good? That was the question. The "ruin of Joseph" turned out to be an inside job.

Many generations had passed since they had come into the land of promise. Here's where they stood at the time when Amos came calling: It was a "period of prosperity. Control of great trade routes of that ancient world...meant wealth." "Taken as a whole, the temper of the national life was confident and optimistic." "To this optimism the religion of the time contributed" (pg. 764, H. Fosbroke, *The Interpreter's Bible*; Vol. VI).

How does one break into such prideful complacency? God raised up the Prophet Amos. One of the irritating facts for the people who had to hear him was that he came from the southern Kingdom of Judah, from which they had split. Amos lived south of Jerusalem in one of the most rugged parts of the region. Here was a distant relative, from the wrong side of the family, preaching hard truths at them! But God had found the right voice, that of a shepherd who was used to harsh conditions, to speak to those who pursued ease not just by the cupful, but by the bowlful.

Amos 1:1 *"The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Teko'a, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzzi'ah king of Judah and in the days of Jerobo'am the son of Jo'ash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake"* (RSV).

The ease-loving people were in trouble and they didn't even know it, didn't really want to know it. The stubborn, wayward sheep needed a shepherd, and God gave them one whose existence was anything but easy. Just consider for a moment the life to which Amos was accustomed. Here we lean on the work of Professor Fosbroke, a biblical scholar:

**"Tekoa...**is today the site of ruins on a hill nearly three thousand feet above sea level, some twelve miles south of Jerusalem" (pg. 777, *The Interpreter's Bible*; Vol. VI). "The word 'wilderness' fitly describes the [view] eastward from the summit of the hill across desolate rock-bound heights that fall away sharply to the waters of the Dead Sea. But all the region round about Tekoa is a welter of limestone hills; on their stony slopes and in the winding valleys that run between them a scanty growth

provides but a bare subsistence for flocks of sheep and goats. It was in such surroundings that Amos had his place among the shepherds of Tekoa (1:1)” (pg. 763).

Here was a man who would have had to face predators and thieves, possibly by himself. He was no hot-house flower. Dr. Fosbroke noted that he would have “tended his sheep in the silence of the desolate hills, a silence which seemed to throw into sharp relief man’s littleness and helplessness” (pg. 765). He would have understood his need for God.

What did he know of earthly comfort? Amos would have been more in line with the generation that had been formed in wilderness wanderings. But he was speaking to those who were quite nicely settled in, thank you very much. It’s just that Amos had been made aware that a time of great unsettling was on the way. And the people were to turn from their ways, back to the one, true God, who had led their ancestors in the first place. It’s just that the untroubled ones were also the unprepared ones.

God used a rugged shepherd as a prophet for the prideful, comfortable and selfish. The voice of Amos still rings out like an echo through the canyons of time. But let’s not forget that we also live in the light of testimony from other shepherds. We do live on this side of the New Testament. If Teko’a was 12 miles south of Jerusalem, right in the middle of those two points was a little town that in years to come would also be known for its shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks by night (Luke 2:8).

There it was that the Good News first arrived, the ultimate gift for the humble of every age. The comfort that Jesus gives comes from a renewed relationship with the heavenly Father, not necessarily the comfort of earthly ease. Think of the Holy Family camped out in a cave-barn. Yet, God was with them, quite literally, there in the hay.

The Good News of Jesus has come down through the ages. But those who have been at ease on earth, at ease with idols, at ease with the ways of the world corrupting innocence, at ease with selfishness, well, hands that are filled with the loot of their own grasping tend not to be open to what God has to give. Lazarus, the pitiful man in Luke 16, sought the comfort of Heaven, and received it. Which treasure counted in the end?

There’s a warning in the words of God today. But if we will look at ourselves and this world with honesty, there’s also Good News, for Jesus hasn’t abandoned us. God is faithful. In fact, he’s not only with us, but even calls us to

bear witness to both the hard truths and the tender mercies of God. Such is the purpose for God’s Church on earth. And when the Lord calls, you know what to say, “Here I am, Lord.” Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Here I Am, Lord” (WOV 752)**



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.  
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte  
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**\*APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**A** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, the righteous Judge of the whole world, the gracious Lord whose arms uplift the humble, renew us in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Break our idols. Give us hearts for Kingdom service. Teach us the lessons of the past. And show us the way forward, as we seek to follow the Lord Jesus. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A** We thank you for many property improvements at Grace. Pour out the Spirit's endurance on our Trustees and Renewed-in-Grace leaders. Also, bless all who served the congregation's needs in prior generations, who designed and guided us into such a beautiful home for our church family. May we gather here for years to come, finding strength through Word, Sacrament and Fellowship, ready for service in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A** Pour out the Holy Spirit on the whole Christian Church, that we may be mission-driven. Guide the NALC, and all faithful brothers and sisters in other denominations. Bless and keep Bishop Selbo and staff, our Mission District, NALC Disaster Response, and our outreach partners: Military Veterans and

Families Ministries; Allison and Campus Outreach; Abundant Grace of West Chester; Chris, Emily and family and the World Mission Prayer League; and other helpful organizations within our community and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Lord of the nations, we pray for our own country. Guide us according to your will. Grant resilience and comfort to the people of Puerto Rico after the hurricane. Strengthen and comfort the people of Ukraine, and all who are threatened by war. Protect all who serve with honor in harm's way, and their families. And bless the farms and orchards in this season of harvest. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray to you on behalf of all who need healing: The Family & Friends of Brenda Thompson, The Family & Friends of Richmond Police Officer, Seara Burton, The Family & Friends of Kim Maish, *Anonymous Prayer, The Baird Family, Tina Banks, Judi Betscher, Debbie Bowlin, The Coffman Family, Betty Cook, Shannon Cromer, Amanda Dell, John Foxbrower, The Giordano Family, Barbara Goebel, The Hammons Family, Vicki Keller, Amy Mitchell, Roger Pearce, Bruce Perry, Nathan Pollitt, Mindy Ramsey, Brian Schamel, Iva-Laura Sherry, Dave Stevenson, Edie Turpin, Charlene Via, Todd White*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (pause for additional names). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

**C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM:**            ***“Come, People of the Risen King”* Choir**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:**

***“Let Justice Flow Like Streams” vs. 1,3 (WOV 763)***



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926  
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776  
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

**C Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**\*THE BLESSING:**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN:**

**“Blessed Assurance” (WOV 699)**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**\*DISMISSAL:**

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## MEMORIAL FOR ELSIE BURKLE



Join us **this afternoon** for a Memorial Service for **Elsie Burkle**. The congregation is invited to a *catered luncheon, at noon*, in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, **the Memorial Service will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. Following the service, *all are welcome* to join the family for **dessert** — If you would like to bring a dessert we are asking for pies (especially), but all desserts are welcome.



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

- TODAY      *September 25, 2022— Pentecost 16***  
8:00 a.m.      Worship  
9:30 a.m.      Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m.      Worship  
12 noon      Elsie Burkle Memorial Luncheon (All are invited, Fellowship Hall)  
1:30 p.m.      Memorial Service for Elsie Burkle (Sanctuary)  
Following      Dessert in Memory of Elsie Burkle (All are invited, Fellowship Hall)
- Monday      *September 26***  
Pastor's Day Off  
11:00 a.m.      Directory Meeting (Library)  
6:30 p.m.      Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)
- Tuesday      *September 27***  
3:00 p.m.      TOPS (Catechism Room)  
6:00 p.m.      Men's Disciple Group (GLC)  
6:00 p.m.      Wine & The Word (Perry's)
- Wednesday *September 28***  
9:00 a.m.      Bible Study (FH)  
11:30 a.m.      GRACE HERALD PRODUCTION DAY  
6:30 p.m.      Choir (Sanctuary/FH)
- Thursday *September 29***  
7:30 p.m.      AA Meeting (Shelter/FH/Adult Discussion)
- Friday      *September 30— BULLETIN PRODUCTION DAY***
- Saturday      *October 1***  
7:30 a.m.      Men of Grace (Bob Evans-Eaton)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Altar Guild for September: Janice Barnes**

Altar Guild for October: Becky Lenk, Tiffany Ingram

**Offering Counter for September: Patty Barnes**

Offering Counter for October: Wanda Winter

**Sunday, September 25— Pentecost 16**

**8:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Gary Pemberton      Dean & Mary Shetter

**Usher:** Gary Pemberton      John Kiracofe

**Lector:** Nancy Childs      Debbie McKinney

**Sunday, October 2— Pentecost 17**

**8:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Tom Barnes      Dorothy Stoltz, Debbie McKinney

**Usher:** Tom Barnes      Scott Stacy

**Lector:** Patty Barnes      Tiffany Ingram

**Commun.** Patty Barnes      Dorothy Stoltz, Debbie McKinney

**Assist.** Elaine Fudge

**Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)**

9/18	8:00 a.	30	\$5,519.50
	10:30 a.	58	

***Great Commission Outreach Partners:***

*World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Allison— Campus Outreach, Abundant Grace Lutheran, West Chester, Ohio*

**Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund:** The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Please keep us updated on prayer needs by calling the office or making a note on the back of your "Attendance & Communion Registration" form. Thank you.*

### **URGENT PRAYER LIST:**

#### **GRIEVING:**

**The Family & Friends of Brenda Thompson** (niece of Marti Good-Ernst). Brenda was called to new life in Christ on Tuesday morning—9/20/2022

**The Family & Friends of Richmond Police Officer, Seara Burton** who was called to the Church Triumphant last weekend.

**The Family of Kim Maish** (friend of Paula Murray) Kim was called to the church triumphant this week. Family needs support for grief, and she left 3 young children.

#### **HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)**

**Anonymous Prayer:** (Daughter of dear friend of Amy Jackson in need of kidney transplant)

**The Baird Family:** (Husband of Renee Kerr's Boss)

**Tina Banks:** (Teresa Leyes)

**Judi Betscher:** (Leyes')

**Debbie Bowlin:** (Sister of Brenda Renner)

**The Coffman Family**

**Betty Cook:** (Cousin of Nancy Childs)

**Shannon Cromer:** (Daughter of Elaine Fudge)

**Amanda Dell:** (Daughter of Rob & Suzie Dell)

**John Foxbrower:** (Friend of Leyes')

**The Giordano Family**

**Barbara Goebel**

**The Hammons Family**

**Vicki Keller:** (Mike & Judy Schamel)

**Amy Mitchell:** (Friend of Renee Kerr)

**Roger Pearce**

**Bruce Perry**

**Nathan Pollitt:** (Son of Carolyn's)

**Mindy Ramsey**

**Brian Schamel:** (Brother of Mike Schamel)

**Iva-Laura Sherry**

**Dave Stevenson**

**Eddie Turpin:** (Sister of Darryl Leyes)

**Charlene Via:** (Friend of Teresa Leyes)

**Todd White:** (Friend of Shetter's)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST ...** Jan Spitler, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Dan Matevia, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Paula Hilleary, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Bea Breeden, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Bruce Perry, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes, Phyllis Turner: and those serving in the military: Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Ketteman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.

## **Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:**

**Join us on Sunday mornings in between services for a time of coffee & goodies, fellowship, and a study on the lessons of the day.**

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study between 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship.** We study the lessons of the day when there is no theme study.

***Adult Education: Major events in Christian History up to the Reformation. All are Invited.***

- ◆ **Youth Sunday School Corner:** We meet every Sunday from **9:30 AM – 10:15 AM** in the Music Room (at the end of the Education Wing), and go to the Sunday School Classroom from there. Come anytime and bring a friend!
- ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS: In October—**
  - ◇ **Confirmation classes** (7-9<sup>th</sup> grade) are taught by Pastor Hanson and held during a time that works for families and the pastor. Please contact the church office for more information.
  - ◇ **Pumpkin Patch Festival** will be on **October 30 during the regular Sunday School hour**. All kids are invited! We will be decorating mini pumpkins, making caramel apples, and learning how even as the days get shorter in the Fall, the light of Christ shines out into the darkness.
  - ◆ We have a “one room schoolhouse” for kids aged pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We open with Bible camp songs on guitar, followed by class. Parents or caregivers are always welcome to sit in on classes or help with special events.
- ◆ **The Phoebe Women’s Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: [Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com)).
- ◆ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** . The group is studying **Daniel: Be Resolute** a study they began before the pandemic but had to stop. They meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol & Bruce Perry. If you would like to join this group, please contact them at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com.
- ◆ **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the ***Psalms***. Contact: Tom Haynes (937-733-7183).

**These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.**

**From The Common Good Food Pantry  
113 S. Cherry St. Eaton**

Over the past couple of months, the need/demand at The Common Good of Preble County Food Pantry has been increasing dramatically and our ability to get food has been decreasing. In August, the Food Pantry served 167 Households with 491 people. We are asking our community partners to help meet the increase in demand by collecting specific food that we give every family.

Grace has been asked to supply the following which can be brought to the Fellowship Hall and placed in the shopping carts in the front corner of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

**Food Items Needed:**

**Cereal**



**Peanut Butter**

**Mac N Cheese**

**Soup**





**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
OUR ANNUAL SALAD AND DESSERT NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:30 P.M.**

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, INGOMAR**

**SPECIAL GUEST: SANDRA COMBS**

**NEW DIRECTOR, WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

**PLEASE RSVP TO DARLENE COMBS**

**937-839-4823, EMAIL:  
bobdar977@gmail.com**

**BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8  
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU THERE!**





# NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about Grace Lutheran Church, the Lutheran church in general or in becoming a Lutheran or a member of grace, these are the classes for you!

**Sunday, October 2 and October 23 at 9:00 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

For more information or to sign up, contact the church office.

[graceeaton111@gmail.com](mailto:graceeaton111@gmail.com) //937.456.6258

[www.gracelutheranofeaton.com](http://www.gracelutheranofeaton.com)

## What's Your Favorite Hymn?

If someone asked you to name your favorite hymn, what would be your response? Could you answer immediately, or would you have to think a little bit about the question? Some hymns may come quickly to mind and tongue, while others remain tucked into corners of our memory banks, waiting to be teased out from their hiding places.



The hymns of our faith have special meaning for us. We associate them with important events in our lives – sometimes the hymn texts seem to speak to our specific circumstances, or maybe the melody touches our hearts. Sometimes, the combination of text and tune is a 'match made in heaven'. Whatever the case, most, if not all of us, can name at least one hymn that is special to us.

The Worship and Music Committee is asking for a short list of your favorite hymns. Many of you may remember our first Hymns of Celebration service held in 2009 to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Grace Lutheran Church. Pairing your favorites with scripture readings, we celebrated our history. COVID-19 interrupted what had become an annual event. Next year marks fifty years in our current building. We would like to collect your favorite hymns again (there will be additions by newer members!) and celebrate our current ministry to the Eaton community. The hymns receiving the most mention will be used in the service, others will be used throughout the year.

Please list your favorite hymn(s) and drop this page in the receptacle in the narthex or the fellowship hall throughout September.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!