

Good News from Grace

OCTOBER 2022

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

October 9, 2022 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 17:17-19 – Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten lepers made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Gratitude is a gift, an attitude of life that unlocks happiness and generosity. The one leper who comes back to thank Jesus for healing is blessed for it. What can you thank Jesus for today?



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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

The peace of Christ be with you always....and also with you.

The liturgical action of sharing the peace made its way back into the liturgy with the LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978). Sharing the peace is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.

Jesus instructs us to first, be reconciled to our brother or sister.

The presiding minister speaks the words, "The peace of Christ be with you always" to which the assembly responds, "and also with you." Then the members of the congregation are to "share the peace" with one another with a verbal greeting, a handshake, a hug and/or a kiss.

In North America, this is what "sharing God's peace" is not. This liturgical act is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you, nor is it a time for catching up with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Each worshiper is not required to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present; however, sharing God's peace is an opportune time to greet visitors, not just those whom we know. I make this geographic distinction because when I visited Lutheran churches in El Salvador and Mexico, the sharing of God's peace was a major exchange of greeting by the worshipers. We sang a hymn, "The peace of the Lord [La Paz del Señor – *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico*, 471] repeatedly as we circled around the worship space greeting one another. So, while the formal instructions for North America for the sharing of God's peace is not the above, I encourage you to, in these post-Covid times, to share the peace as you are comfortable engaging with others.

The exchange of peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry we do to each other is far greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. Because Christ is present among us, we give to each other what we are saying: Christ's own peace. Then, having been gathered by the

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Youth Food Cards

In the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439 to let him know when you plan to stop in. Checks should be made to GELC with Youth Food cards on the memo line.

Need A Ride?

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (JRDF) WITH TEAM EMMA IS AWESOME

On **October 16** the Youth will participate in the JRDF walk with Team Emma Is Awesome. They will walk to raise awareness and find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Emma's diagnosis was over four years ago and the family continues to manage and struggle with it every day. The start of High School this year for Emma has been an additional challenge, but they are determined to not let it stop her from being Awesome.

So what is GYG going to do with all of this? A pavilion has been rented at Adams Ricci park for Emma's team! GYG will begin tailgating at 9:30am and the walk begins at 11:30am. Come on out for some great grilling, sides and games for those who wish to partake! This event is for the whole family! There is a sign up sheet for sides, drinks and or tailgate games [HERE](#). GYG is taking care of the grilling items.

To learn more about this great cause and Team Emma's fundraising goals [CLICK HERE](#).



Fall Fest at Kentland!

The Fellowship & Arts Committee is planning Fall Fest for all ages! The activities will include a costume parade, Chili Cook Off, dinner (hot dogs, mac n cheese and chili!), games, crafts and a campfire with a S'mores making station. Join us for fellowship as we enjoy the beautiful outdoors at Kentland.

If you'd like to join in the Halloween costume parade, please arrive dressed in your costume, as it will be the first event of the afternoon!



Saturday, October 15
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
at Kentland
1024 E Winding Hill Rd
Mechanicsburg



Again this year we will be holding a Chili Cook Off! This is a popular event and the chilis are so good! We'd love to try your spicy, sweet, turkey or vegetarian varieties (just to name a few!). Bring your chili in a crockpot - ladles and sample cups/bowls will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the most popular chilis!

If you are planning to attend Fall Fest or enter the Chili Cook Off, please sign up [here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA8AC22A4FD0-grace3](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA8AC22A4FD0-grace3)

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FALL FEST

From now until **October 13**, we will be collecting donations of candy and small non food items (pencils, stickers, small toys, etc.) for the trick or treat walk during the costume parade. There will be a collection box in the library or you can drop off in the church office during their regular hours (Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon).

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

- Strategic Planning Task Force / implementation team. Several initiatives have been reinstated or added to meet goals of the Plan, both by Grace members and Pastor Lois
- Approved a Scholarship/Stipend for four grace youth who served as camp counselors/leadership team members in Summer 2022.
- Coffee Hours will be resumed on Oct. 2, before and after the 9:30 service.
- The Stewardship committee will be reinvigorated post-pandemic.
- A Property Task Force has been to look at financial issues related to Grace's properties, as well as take care of some maintenance issues, organize clean-up days, etc.

Karen Galle, Secretary

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB BOOK

Join the Grace Book Club on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7pm via Zoom** where they will be discussing "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly.

Lilac Girls is based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits, this acclaimed debut novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades.

Caroline Ferriday is a former Broadway actress and liaison to the French consulate whose life is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, sinks deeper into her role as a courier for the underground resistance movement. In Germany, Herta Oberheuser, a young doctor, answers an ad for a government medical position—only to find herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbruck, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents, as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those who history has forgotten.

Kelly's compelling first novel follows three women through the course of World War II and beyond. Caroline, a wealthy New Yorker, volunteers at the French consulate in New York, assisting refugees and raising funds. She meets Paul, a charming, married French actor, and sparks fly. Kasia, a young woman living in Poland during the Nazi invasion, works for the resistance until she is captured and sent to Ravensbruck, the women's concentration camp. There, she encounters Herta, a doctor hired to help execute inmates and perform experiments. Though her mother is Herta's trusted assistant, and even saved a camp guard's life, Kasia is operated on, joining the "Rabbits," inmates deformed from their surgeries. Meanwhile, Caroline loses touch with Paul when he returns to France to find his wife, and she finds herself tasked with keeping track of the growing concentration camp network for the consulate, learned from British intelligence. After the war, she travels to France to assist in locating missing people, where she learns about the Rabbits, including Kasia, who is struggling to let go of her anger and move on with her life. Despite some horrific scenes, this is a page-turner demonstrating the tests and triumphs civilians faced during war, complemented by Kelly's vivid depiction of history and excellent characters. Agent: Alexandra Machinist, ICM Partners. (Apr.) - **Publishers Weekly**

"A powerful story for readers everywhere . . . Martha Hall Kelly has brought readers a firsthand glimpse into one of history's most frightening memories. A novel that brings to life what these women and many others suffered. . . . I was moved to tears." —**San Francisco Book Review**

About the Author:

Martha grew up in Massachusetts and now splits her time between Connecticut and New York City. She worked as an advertising copywriter for many years and raised three splendid children, while researching and writing *Lilac Girls*, her first novel. She has loved writing the other two books about Caroline's family, *Lost Roses*, which features Caroline's mother during WWI and *Sunflower Sisters*, a Civil War novel due out March 30, 2021. You'll find more info about the incredible, true stories behind both books at her website: <http://www.marthahallkelly.com> and backstory about all three novels on her ever-changing Pinterest page.

CLICK HERE to watch a short video from Martha Hall Kelly about *Lilac Girls*.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, October 9** are given to the Glory of God

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, October 9** are given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **October** is given by Adam & Hope Pankake in celebration of Claire & Eden Pankake's 10th birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **October is Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**. To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list Lutheran World Relief or LWR under



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Bible Study

Join Pastor Evan on **Tuesdays at 1pm and 7pm** in the conference room for a multi-session study on *Moses the Reluctant Prophet*.

For more information contact Pastor Evan at 717-497-3742 or pastorevan47@gmail.com.

The Gathering

The Gathering is for all "senior" women. They will meet on **October 19 at 1pm for lunch and fellowship at the Pizza Grille on Gettysburg Road**. This will be the last Gathering luncheon until further notice.

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday of the month at 6pm via zoom**.

For more information contact Matt Hearn 717-350-1048 or Rick Keen 717-657-5563.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the zoom meeting information.

Book Club

The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7pm via Zoom**. The book for October is "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom log in information.

Davin-Levin Duo, Guitar & Harp on Sunday, October 16 at 3pm
Trinity Lutheran Church | 2200 Chestnut Street | Camp Hill

FREE ADMISSION

This is part of the 2022 - 2023 Trinity Concert Series.

A "clearly felicitous combination of two plucked string instruments," (Cleveland Classical), the Davin-Levin Duo is comprised of Emily Levin, Principal Harp of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Colin Davin, Guitar Department Co-Head at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Since their first performance together, these two musicians have revolutionized the genre, expanding the repertoire through commissions and arrangements, and establishing their Instrument combination as a dynamic chamber music experience.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar flower sponsorships cost \$36 and bulletin and mailing sponsorship cost \$27. The Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships cost \$ 21 . [CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office no later than the Tuesday, prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays**. Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00PM

Sundays at 9:30AM

or

[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays September to May



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