

Good News from Grace

OCTOBER 2022

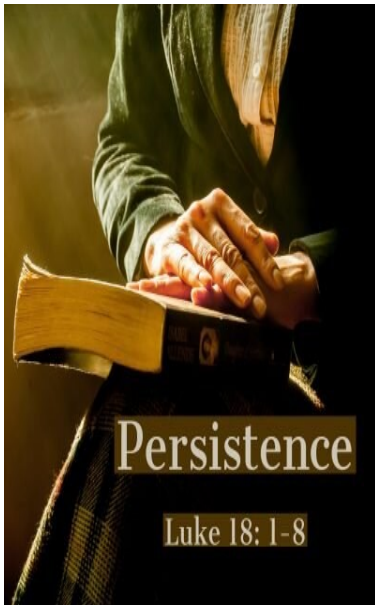
Our Purpose

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

October 16, 2022 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 121:1-2 – I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

So much of our life energy we spend trying to find security – in employment, finance, emotions, relationships, and on and on. Psalm 121 reminds us that we are secure in God; thus, we are free to live without undue worry and with greater generosity.



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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.

FALL FEST THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 4-7PM AT KENTLAND

Fall Fest is for all ages so join us this **Saturday from 4 - 7pm at Kentland!** 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! 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/>**

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Reconciled with one another and with God, we turn to the Sacrament of the Altar.

Martin Luther had much to say about the Sacrament of the Altar. But before we move to his theological writing, I want to share an understanding of communion from a long-time member of a previous congregation where I served:

Holy Communion gathers us as a forgiven and reconciled family. We lifted up our grudges, anger, hate or misgivings earlier in the worship. When we come together in this part of worship, we are a family, prepared to receive Christ, with humble hearts open to Christ's love, with hands cupped like the manger that first received the infant Jesus, and with confident faith that Christ is present in this holy meal.

This member was part of a faith community that suffered greatly from the trauma of a beloved pastor removed by the bishop for misconduct. This particular member experienced first-hand God's grace in forgiving him for his angry outbursts at the bishop, for his anger toward God, and for his extreme disappointment in the pastor's behavior. I was moved to tears when I read his note (above italicized text). When we gather and are fed at the Lord's Table, "not as we ought but as we are able," we are forgiven, loved and filled with Christ's body and blood by the grace of God.

In the Meal, "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ" (ELW page 93). The pattern of liturgy surrounding the meal is modeled after the scriptural accounts of the institution of Christ's supper: Jesus "took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it." The table setting, great thanksgiving, breaking of bread, and communion is how Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me" is lived out today, as it has been for centuries.

The mass formed the centerpiece of Christian worship and devotion in the medieval period before the Reformation. The fourth Lateran council of 1215 established the doctrine of transubstantiation, which holds that upon the priest's consecration of the bread and wine, the accidents (according to the senses) remain the same, but the substance (the internal "essence") is miraculously transformed into the

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Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the out loud prayers.

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physical body and blood of Christ.

There were widespread implications of this doctrine. Lay people began to adore the bread and wine from afar or superstitiously carry pieces of bread back home to plant in the garden for good crops or to give to an ailing animal for good health. The priests began to distribute only the bread to parishioners to avoid an accidental spilling of the wine, keeping the cup for themselves. By the 1500's, even the bread was withheld in most churches. The mass had turned into a show instead of a sacrament. Some parishioners feverishly hurried from church to church to obtain the blessing of seeing more than one host in a given day.

Two things in particular bothered Luther about the Roman Catholic view of the Lord's Supper. First, he disagreed sharply with the practice of withholding the cup from the laity. He was so vehemently opposed to this practice that he compared it to one way that "Babylon" holds the church "captive." Secondly, Luther believed that the Roman Catholic understanding of the sacrament as a "good work and a sacrifice" was the "most wicked abuse of all." Luther argued forcefully that the mass must be seen as a testament – something to receive, not a good work to perform. The only sacrifice at the Lord's Table is the sacrifice of ourselves. The idea that a priest could sacrifice the body and blood of the Lord was especially appalling to Luther and he considered this belief the most abominable of Roman errors.

A popular misconception among Reformation students is that Luther affirmed and promoted "consubstantiation," but neither Luther nor the Lutheran church ever accepted that term. Luther simply refused to speculate on how Christ is present and instead settled for affirming that he is there. The presence of Christ in the Supper is miraculous and thus defies explanation.

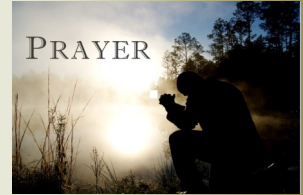
Luther believed that the fruit of the Lord's Supper is the forgiveness of sins. Roman doctrine held that Communion was for the righteous, those who have confessed their sins to the priest. Luther believed Communion was for sinners, those who needed Christ's incarnation the most.

The center of Luther's theology of the Lord's Supper is the idea of "sacramental union." At the Lord's Table, in this sacred moment in which the elements of bread and wine are sacramentally united to the body and blood of Christ, God simultaneously reveals and hides himself. The paradox of God's incomprehensibility and self-revelation formed the basis for Luther's rejection of all philosophical speculations on how Christ is physically present. The idea of sacramental union was Luther's response to Roman transubstantiation.

In this holy meal, we are forgiven, fed and nourished to go out into the world to live anew and to carry forth the fruits of this sacrament. Next week will be the final segment of this series on liturgy when we move from the Meal to the Sending part of our liturgy.

Forgiven and Free to live anew,

Pastor Lois



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Sue Gasswint, Tom Boyer, Judy Morello, Mary Ann Osswald, Joan Harmon, Diane Brokenshire, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Orlando & Maria, Mary Heverling, Garry Murray, Darlene M., Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, and Mike Lutz.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Dick Cromer, Yvonne Gettys, Dave & Joan Harman, John Hench, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Joe Jackson, Lou Lore, Ruth McCarney, Jane McKnight, Patti Reed, Bob & Ruth Rhodes, Dorothy Shreffler, John Shuey, and Docoline Stroud.



THANK YOU GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Grace Lutheran Church,
Our families had an amazing week at Kentland Retreat Center last week. They had a BLAST hiking the trails, playing in the field, and cooking over the fire (see enclosed pics). Thank you for blessing our families and for showing them Christ's love!

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. But if you forget to follow up, the name will be removed after a month unless you let us know to keep praying.

These guidelines went into effect **September 1, 2022.**



GYG Upcoming Events

October

- 15 Fall Fest @ Kentland
4:00 - 7:00pm
- 16 "Team Emma is
Awesome!" JDRF One
walk and tailgate
10am @ Adams Ricci
Park
- 23 GYG Brunch
- 29 The Empowerment
Games @ Kentland

November

- 5 Habitat Local Service
Day (16yrs +)
- 13 GYG Night
- 18-20 Retreat @ Kentland
- 27 Advent Event
10:45am - 12:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to view
complete GYG schedule.

JYG Upcoming Events

October

- 15 Fall Fest @ Kentland
4:00 - 7:00pm
- 16 Sunday School
10:45 - 11:15am

November

- 6 JYG
10:45 - 12:00pm
- 20 Sunday School
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- 27 Advent Event
10:45am - 12:00pm

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[CLICK HERE](#) to view entire
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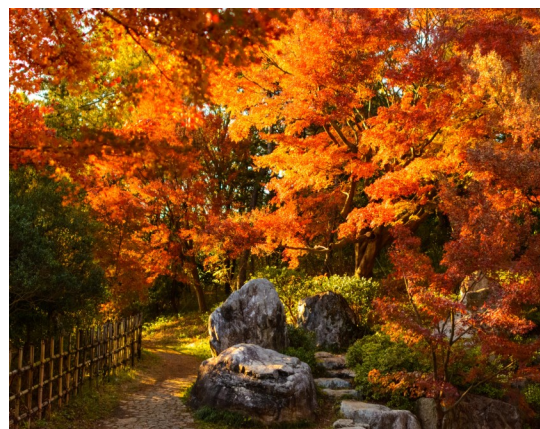


11/01	Helen Titzel	11/15	Grace Heintzelman Nova Hoffman
11/02	Linda Harris Daniel Walker	11/16	Heather Artz
11/05	Gayle Hurst	11/18	Annelise DeYoung
11/07	Carolyn Bair David Bechtel	11/19	Christin Heidingsfelder
11/09	Ava Bechtel	11/20	Sydney Angus
11/10	Robert Sweeney, II	11/21	Andrew Snavelly
11/11	Brian Atwood	11/23	Hannah Flook Megan Ozimok Miller
11/12	Jacob Hearn Cami Ressler	11/24	Mark Ammons Todd Galle
11/13	Bill Campbell Mary Marshall	11/25	Bettejean (BJ) Weber
		11/26	Willis Musselman Elaine Wolf
		11/27	George Osswald
		11/29	Claudia Boyer Conner Seeger
		11/30	Polly Foster Sherri Rowland Barbara Schell

Did You Know....

On October 14, 1884 George Eastman patents paper-strip photographic film.

That October 18 is St. Luke's Little Summer? This date is steeped in folklore. According to the Farmer's Almanac these lovely, summerlike days that occur around October 18 are called Saint Luke's Little Summer in honor of the saint's feast day. Around this time, Saint Luke's feast day, there is a brief period of calm, dry weather. Of course, it's difficult to generalize today across the vast continent of North America, but the temperature is usually mild and the leaf colors are turning a gorgeous color. It's a good time for a brief vacation or visit to a park. In Venice, Italy, they say: "San Luca, El ton va te la zuca" (Pumpkins go stale on St Luke's Day), but here in North America, pumpkins are enjoying their finest hour. Saint Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons so it seems only fitting that the good doctor give us these calm days. In olden days, St. Luke's Day did not receive as much attention in the secular world as St. John's Day (June 24) and Michaelmas (September 29), so it was to keep from being forgotten that St. Luke presented us with some golden days to cherish before the coming of winter, or so the story goes. Some folks call this Indian Summer, but that officially occurs between November 11 and November 20. ,



Scotland Trip

Grace folks are off again! After visiting Israel, Switzerland and experiencing the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany, we're off to Scotland on **September 13 - 22, 2023.**

For more information contact Pastor Evan (717.497.3742 pastorevan47@gmail.com), Carolyn Houck (717.497.3684 adagiopianist@gmail.com) or Judy Zeiders (717.580.0248 RNtravler5@aol.com).

We'd like to fill the bus so we might possibly have what could be a private tour, so please share this information.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, October 16** are given to the Glory of God

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, October 16** 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 comments.



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.

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.

"Music At The Spring" Concert Series Kicks Off on October 23

On Sunday afternoons 3-4 times throughout the year, Trindle Springs Lutheran Church will host musical ensembles for a concert, open to the public and free of charge. (A free will offering for continuation of the concert series will be taken).

Their first concert will take place on **Sunday, October 23** at 4pm in the Sanctuary. It will feature local performers "Dynamic Duo", Tyler Canonico and Daniel Forty. Their performance will include duets for organ/piano, four-hand piano, and four-hand and feet organ!

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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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