

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
September 28, 2025
9:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this summer. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Margaret Tucker

Bells of Grace

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW#705

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING OF QUILTS**

Gracious God, as we ask your blessing on these quilts, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

We celebrate being the children of God.

We give thanks for the gifts of fabric, thread and sewing machines that were brought together by the faithful people who cut the squares, designed the patterns, sewed the tops, ironed the fabric, made backs and fillers, tied and stitched the bindings, packed the quilts and contributed the funds for shipping.

We celebrate generosity.

We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make quilts, the ones made in the past, the ones before us today, and the ones yet to be sewn; for the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of creating something new with one's hands and heart for someone in need.

We celebrate community.

We send these quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

We remember those who have received our quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

We celebrate the gift of life.

Bless these quilts wherever they may be used, that they may provide warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home when there is no other shelter, a carrier for a few precious belongings, and security for those who have experienced tragedy. May all who receive these quilts be wrapped in your love and forgiveness. May they also encounter your grace and peace and learn the joy of Christ.

Bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly may be seated.

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING – Amos 6:1a, 4-7

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches

and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**
and in that day their thoughts perish.
⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in**
them;
who keeps promises forever;
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food
to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up**
those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates
the way of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW#661

***APOSTLES CREED**

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 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 OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

MUSICAL OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Neil Johnson

Grace Chancel Choir

*SETTING THE TABLE

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW#464 vs 1

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will
for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*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.*

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW#885

The musical notation is written on three staves in G-clef and D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW#723

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Canticle of the Turning

Star of County Down

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister.....Jared Weber
Lector..... Don Barlup
Acolyte Liam Barber
Communion AssistantsRick Keen, Judy Zeiders
Sound Nathan Chesky
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist..... Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: September 27 – October 3, 2025

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Shirley Davis, Carole Orendorf, Ed & Elaine Klemmer,
Richard Slabonik, Joe Mussari, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel,
Judi Fenicle, Helen Titzel, Dave Rowland, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Richard Uber and Ed Hurst

Pub Theology Group 2

Pub Theology Group 2 will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 30 at The Grateful Goat (1300 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill). For more information regarding Pub Theology contact Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org or 717-737-0439x10.

Blessing of the Quilts

The Blessing of the Quilts will take place during worship on Sunday, September 28. These quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for their Ingathering Appeal. The quilts are sewn and donated by Grace's Quilting Ministry. Grace is also collecting monetary donations for LWR shipping fund to help defray the cost of shipping these quilts overseas. The cost to ship one quilt overseas has gone up from \$3 per quilt to \$3.50. If you would like to contribute to the shipping please give your donations to the church by either writing the dollar amount next to OTHER on an envelope and listing Quilting Shipping Fund under comments or you can pay online at www.gracecamphill.org under the Give tab.

Trunk or Treat

We are looking for trunks or tables and members to pass out candy during Grace's Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Thursday, October 30 from 6-8pm. Please sign-up in the parking lot hallway or by contacting the church office by Monday, October 13.

Braver Angels

Representatives from the Braver Angel's Lower Susquehanna Alliance will host a Common Ground Workshop on Immigration at Grace on **Saturday, October 11 from 9am – 2pm**. There are two ways to join a Common Ground Workshop: As a Participant (limited to 8-12) or as an Observer. During registration you can sign up as a participant and a representative from Braver Angels will contact you to let you know if you have been selected. Register with the QR code or on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events>.



Travel to Greece: October 17-24, 2026

Travel with Pastor Chad and Pastor Evan to Greece and follow in the footsteps of St. Paul, October 17-24, 2026. One of our first stops will be Phillippi (Acts 16) where God opened the heart of Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She and her household were the first Christian converts on European soil. Later we will visit Roman-era crypt thought to be the sight where Paul and Silas were imprisoned and miraculously freed by an earthquake. Contact Pastor Chad (pastorchad@gracecamphill.org) or Pastor Evan (pastorevan47@gmail.com or 717-497-3742) for more information about the tour.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in both narthexes and in the library. We'd love to hear from you.

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **September** is **Harrisburg Food Pantry**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the our QR Code.



Give Now

Calendar

9/27	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
9/28	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary <i>Blessing of the Quilts</i>
	10:45	Adult Faith Formation in the Small Conference Room
9/28 – 10/5		Family Promise at Grace
9/29	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
9/30	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room
	1:00pm	Bible Study in the Library
	6:30pm	Pub Theology Group 2 at Grateful Goat
10/1	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
10/2	6:00pm	Bells of Grace in the Balcony
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

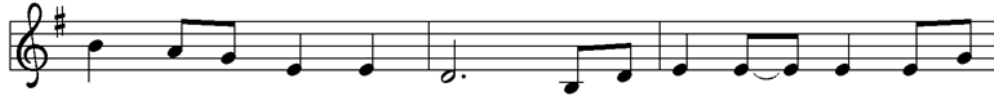
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



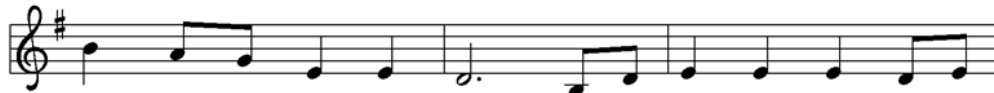
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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