

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 12, 2021

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust – “*You cannot serve God and money*” (Mt 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1Ki 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal 5:25–6:10).

Ministering to the People of

Ball State University Community
East Central Indiana
The World

- 1 Consider how the birds above
Feed day by day with carefree ease—
Does God not keep them in His love?
Are we not worth much more than these?

- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;
How fair is their fragility—
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,
Will He not clothe both you and me?

- 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
About such things the godless think,
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

- 4 Be on your guard against all greed,
For life is more than what we own.
Our Father knows our ev'ry need
Before our needs to us are known.

- 5 Be not afraid to suffer loss
Of all the things for which you pray,
For He who faced for you the cross
Will give you strength to live each day.

- 6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
His holy name in all you do:
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
All else will then be given you.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3*



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*

turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Kyrie

LSB 186

☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament *1 Kings 17:8–16*

Then the word of the LORD came to him, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Ps. 118:8–9*



It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.

Epistle *Galatians 5:25–6:10*

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 6:24-34*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760

1 What God ordains is always good:
His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed
In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield
me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.

2 What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content
What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my physician sends me.
My God is true;
Each morning new
I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.

4 What God ordains is always good:
He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm
Though many storms may
gather.
Now I may know
Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief
God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be
mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Please sign in using the attendance register located at the end of each pew.

Stand

Confirmation of Olivia Taylor *(10:30 a.m. service)*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

- P** Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

- P** Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

- P** Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Olivia Taylor, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After the catechumen has received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to seek first Christ Jesus, who is the kingdom of God and His righteousness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and missions, including our campus ministry to Ball State and Taylor Universities, that Christ draw more people to Himself through them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For help in every anxiety and worry, that our loving Father, who clothed creation in glorious dress and all the more provides for our every need of body and soul, lead us to look to Him for every good thing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do in Christ's name; for workers, that they work hard for the blessing of their employers and customers; for employers, that they pay honest wages; and for the unemployed, that they entrust their days and burdens to their Father's hand, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor, and all leaders in our land, that they rule according to God's will and righteous decrees; for soldiers and servants in our armed forces, especially Cory Robertson, that God would protect them and send faithful chaplains to comfort them with Christ's forgiveness; and for our nation, that God lead it to repent of everything it celebrates contrary to His will, especially the scourge of abortion and the destruction of marriage, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our citizens in Afghanistan and for all those who assisted our forces, that bold measures be taken to secure their rescue and they be brought home, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and afflicted, especially Pam Addison, Chris Aiello, Shirley Berger, Amelia, Kelli, and Zach Bunn, Jerry Cook, Rita Graft, J.D. Howard, Rich LaGrange, Marshall Mack, Reece Mann, Bonnie Overstreet, Logan Ryan, Rodney Schadler, Gene Shiveley, Carrie Sue, Jacob Sutton, and David Stout, that our merciful Father would give His power to the faint and increase their strength, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn, especially the family and loved ones of Jim Smith, that they be comforted with Christ's own resurrection and the promise of a blessed reunion and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those celebrating birthday and wedding anniversaries, especially Lenore Crone, Donna Bailey, Vicki Boyd, Mark Gottwald, and Debbie Taylor, that they rejoice each day in God's gracious care and protection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all communicants, that they may come to the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, seeking Christ's forgiveness in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages confirmed members of Grace and of our sister congregations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to commune. Christians of other denominations or church bodies are respectfully asked to honor our practice and not to commune. Please see our statement card on “**The Lord’s Supper, Our Belief and Practice**” provided in the pews. **Guests** desiring to commune with us today are asked to speak to the pastor before service.*

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 196

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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings *LSB 782*

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
 And His righteousness.
 And all these things shall be added unto you!
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
 Seek and ye shall find,
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
 But by ev'ry word
 That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
 Allelu, alleluia!

732 All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732

1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and
blessing,
 Though all earthly wealth
depart.
They who trust with faith
unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
 And will keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
 Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
 Will remain my help divine.

3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
 Things that have no solid
ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting
pleasure
 And that now is seldom found.

4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
 All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
 For on God alone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant
me;
All the longing hopes that haunt
me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will
strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary
gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in
faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *LSB 924*

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Serving Today at Grace

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Danny Mackey

Liturgist – Vicar Gabriel Aiello

Organist and Choir Director – Dick Grill

Handbell Director – Judi Pape

Assisting Elder 10:30 a.m. – Randy Willmann

Ushers 8:00 a.m. – Bill James; 10:30 a.m. – John Harman

Videographer 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

Altar Guild – Michelle Cahoe and Jane Harman

Serving Next Week at Grace

Celebrant – Rev. Dr. Geoff Robinson

Liturgist and Preacher – Vicar Gabriel Aiello

Organist and Choir Director – Dick Grill

Handbell Director – Judi Pape

Assisting Elder 10:30 a.m. – Matthew Bowdell

Ushers 8:00 a.m. – Bill James; 10:30 a.m. – John Harman

Videographer 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

Altar Guild – Michelle Cahoe and Jane Harman

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and to enhance the beauty of His house by the Willmann family celebrating Andrew's birthday!

This Week (Sept. 12 - 19) at Grace

Matins: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

Today: **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**

9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour (Rally Day)

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (*Rite of Confirmation Olivia Taylor*)

Confirmation Class

Monday: 1:30 p.m. Grace Crafters

6:15 p.m. Handbells

7:10 p.m. Vocal Choir

Wednesday: **7:00 p.m. Divine Service** (no Communion)

Confessions Study

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. College Bible Study

Next Sunday: **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**

9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Confirmation Class

In Our Prayers

Health and Comfort – Pam Addison, Chris Aiello, Shirley Berger, Amelia, Kelli, and Zach Bunn, Jerry Cook, Rita Graft, J.D. Howard, Marshall Mack, Reece Mann, Bonnie Overstreet, Logan Ryan, Rodney Schadler, Gene Shiveley, Carrie Sue, Jacob Sutton, family and loved ones of Jim Smith, and David Stout.

Shut-ins – Lee Kerkhoff, Becky Levihn, Pat Mark, Rod Phillips, Debby Taylor

Armed Forces – Dean Bartel, Matthew Bowdell, Emily Kingsley, Gary Parks, Jr., Hayden Parsons, and Cory Robertson

Birthdays – Lenore Crone (9/15), Donna Bailey (9/16), Vicki Boyd (9/16), Mark Gottwald (9/17), Debby Taylor (9/18)

Anniversaries –

Thanksgivings – For the confirmation of Olivia Taylor; for a successful mission and safe return of the Guatemala Team 2114, including Linda Cook and Jane Harman; for Amanda Thorneycroft healing and recovering well from her back surgery; for Rev. and Mrs. Van Hemert announcing Elizabeth's pregnancy, due in 2022.

To activate the Grace Prayer Chain at any time, contact Diana James (765) 358-4446 or log on to our website and click "Prayer Request"—your email goes directly to Diana.

Announcements

Pastor will be on vacation 9/14-9/20

Welcome Back Students Picnic – We will have a welcome back picnic for our Ball State and Taylor University students today after 2nd service. The congregation is invited and asked to bring a covered dish to share. Meat and drinks are provided by the USYA Board. We ask in support of our students to wear your favorite BSU or Taylor gear to church this Sunday.

Produce Table – We will have our produce table again this year. It will be located on the table at the bottom of the stairs from the sanctuary to the basement. Feel free to bring items such as garden fresh veggies, fruits, gourds or baked items. All items left on the table are free for you to take. Donations are appreciated but not needed. All donations will go to the MOST Mission Team.

Volunteers for Rides to Church – We are still in need of some volunteers to help bring Lee Kerkhoff to and from church. If we just have a few more people to help with this, we can have a rotation of maybe once a month for each volunteer. If you are willing to help at all please contact Kelli in the church office at (765) 282-2537.

Pantry Needs – We are in need of boxed potatoes, dish soap, cereal, corn muffin mix, peanut butter, jelly, pork and beans. The basics are welcome anytime. Thank you for all your donations.

Rally Day – will be today, Sept. 12th. During the opening of the education hour, we will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries as usual. Then we will have all children come up to say their name and what grade they are in this year. We will also recognize our teachers at that time. Please join us to kick off the school year and our Christian education classes.

Music – Handbell Choir and Vocal Choir will start practices on Monday September 13th. Handbell begins at 6:15 p.m. and Vocal Choir begins at 7:10 p.m. If you would like to join one or both please come to practice on the 13th.

Juice Cans for Altar flowers – We are in need of the metal juice cans that we use for people to take home Altar flowers. If you have any that you could donate you can drop them off and give them to Kelli in the office or leave them on the table in the lobby area by the offices.



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