Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion October 5, 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

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed'sworth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

born: 5/12/25

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune for Trumpet and Organ Henry Purcell Kristopher Hartman – trumpet, Emily Hartman - organ

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Olivia Rose Hartman

PRESENTATION

Parents, others and candidate for baptism gather at the font.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Olivia Rose* baptized into Christ? *Parents:* I do.

As you bring *Olivia* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that *Olivia* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Olivia* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Olivia* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* I renounce them.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head three times, as the presiding minister says: Olivia Rose Hartman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain *Olivia Rose* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil.

Olivia Rose Hartman, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

*GATHERING HYMN

O God beyond All Praising

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*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. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

The assembly may be seated.

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

WORD

FIRST READING - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Psalm 37:1-9

- ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

 Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 8 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his

own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

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*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

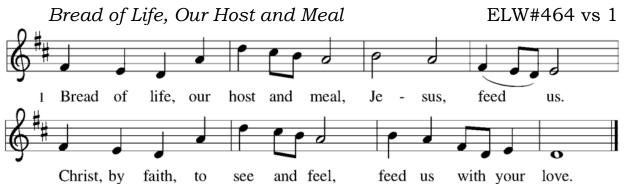
OFFERING

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

How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson Grace Chancel Choir

*SETTING THE TABLE



*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.

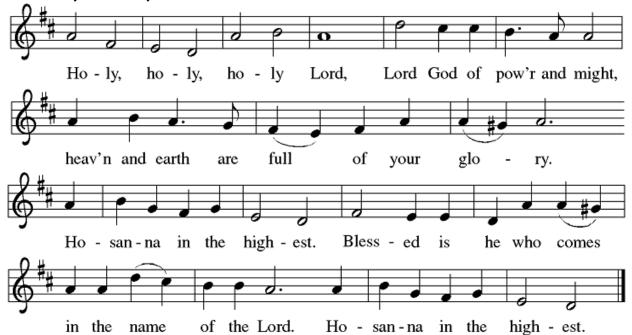
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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



*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:

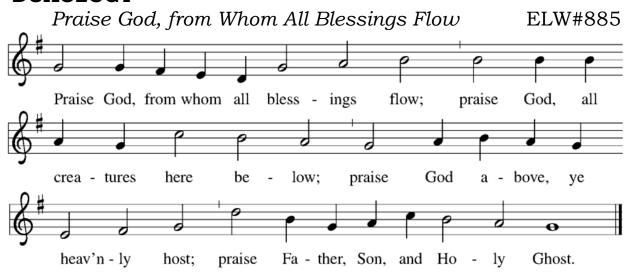
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



*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.

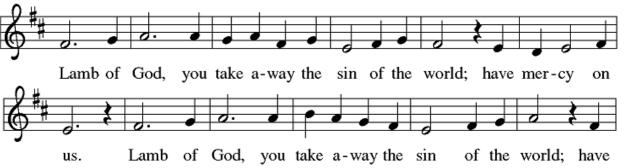
Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

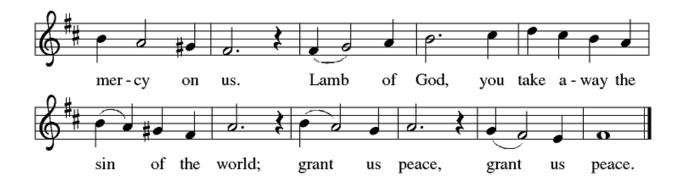
Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

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.

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*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

Here I Am, Lord

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Here I Am Lord

Here I Am Lord

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister	Karen Galle
Lector	Carolyn Houck
Acolyte	Nathan Robison
Communion Assistants	Jill Manlove, Julie Flook
Sound	Kyle & Landon Flook
Director of Music	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: October 4 - 10, 2025

The altar flowers are given by George & Linda Ringer in honor of great-granddaughter, Olivia's baptism.

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





Connect with Us

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Shirley Davis, Carole Orendorf, Ed & Elaine Klemmer, Richard Slabonik, Joe Mussari, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Judi Fenicle, Dave Rowland, Alice M., Dean Jury, the friends and family of Rev. Conrad B. Youse and the friends & family of Helen Titzel.

Children's Church Starts this Sunday, October 5

For children younger than 6th grade. The intention is to provide an age-appropriate message that children will love and be able to apply in their daily lives. The children will leave after the Prayer of the Day and return to the sanctuary in time for communion.

Baptism

Kristopher & Emily Hartman's daughter, Olivia Rose Hartman, will be baptized this Sunday, October 5 during worship.

Grace Book Club - Monday, October 6

Join Grace's Book Club to discuss "Sandwich" by Catherine Newman on Monday, October 6 at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Melinda Bechtel at mcbbechtel@gmail.com for login information.

Community Meal

The Community Meal will be on Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. The menu for this meal is Chicken leg quarters, Mashed potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, and Assorted Desserts.

Council Meeting

For October only, Grace's Council will be meeting on the first Monday (October 6) at 6pm.

Adult Faith Formation

Out of a huge battle of 48,000 Romans and 23,000 Jews the temple and city of Jerusalem fell. The temple was destroyed never to rise again. From this huge tragedy the gospel of Mark arose, and Christianity began with the writing of the book of Mark in

70 AD. Come and join the Adult Faith Formation class for a reading and commentary on the oldest and first gospel about Jesus story and beginning of the Christian Church. This is the final week of Adult Faith Formation until further notice. Watch the website, newsletter and bulletin for any future updates.

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

The Braver Angels event scheduled for Saturday, October 11 has been cancelled.

Wine & Cheese - Saturday, October 18

There will be a Wine & Cheese night in the Library on Saturday, October 18 at 4:30pm, prior to the 5pm Sabbath Worship Service. If you wish to sponsor a Wine & Cheese night, please sign up in Barkley Chapel on the black podium inside the doors from the Library.

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 **October** is **Grace Technology Ministry**. 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 QR Code.



Give Now

Calendar

10/4	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel	
10/5	9:30am	Service of Holly Communion in Sanctuary	
		Baptism of Olivia Rose Hartman	
		Children's Church leave after Prayer of the Day	
	10:45am	Adult Faith Formation in the Small Conference Room	
	4:45pm	Grace Youth Group (GYG)	
10/6	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting	
	7:00pm	Grace Book Club via Zoom	
10/7	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room	
	1:00pm	Bible Study in the Library	
10/8	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry	
	5:30pm	Community Meal in the Social Hall	
10/9	6:00pm	Bells of Grace in the Balcony	
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in the Choir Room	

O God beyond All Praising



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Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."

I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."

I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Here I Am, Lord



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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

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

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