# Reformation Sunday Service of Holy Communion October 19, 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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

God gathers us in unity.

**GATHERING** 

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

The Church's One Foundation

Bells of Grace

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Please stand as you are able.

## \*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,  $\pm$  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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW#504

#### \*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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

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

WORD

## FIRST READING - Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of

Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM - Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

3though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

# <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

# <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

# <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world: who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

## 10"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### SECOND READING - Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

## Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have

never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." The gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

#### **SERMON**

The assembly stands as able.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are All One in Mission

ELW#576

## \*APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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**

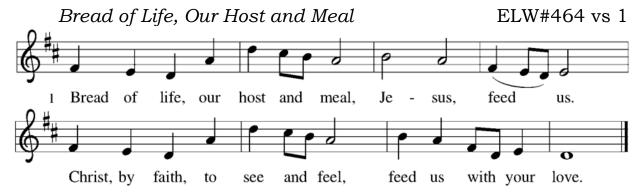
We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Oceans** 

Matt Crocker, arr. Heather Sorensen 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.

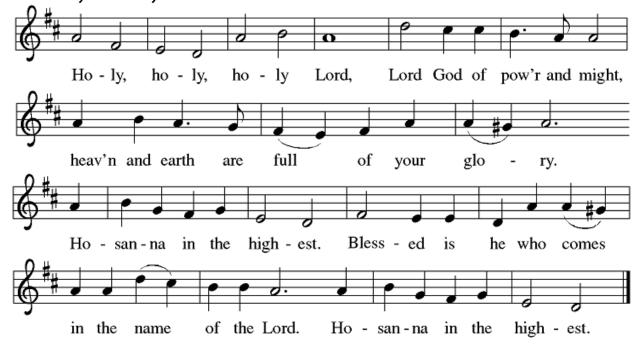
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

## 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.

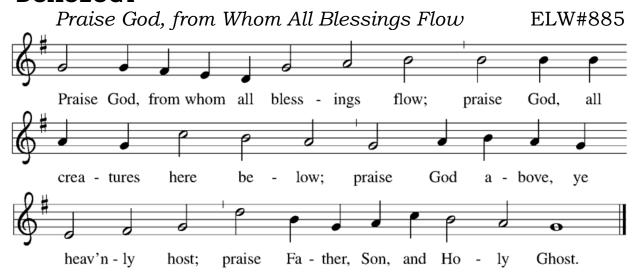
Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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.

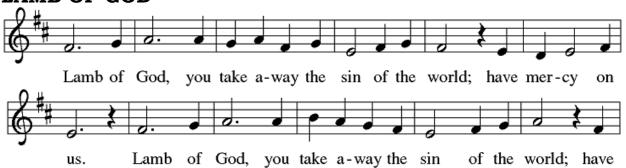
Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

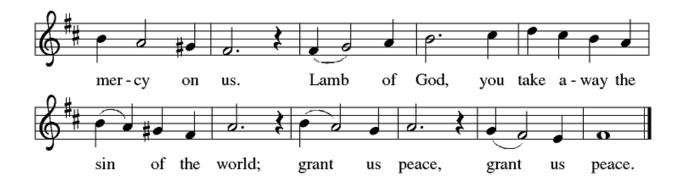
Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

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.

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**







#### \*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

Blessed Assurance

ELW#638

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

Blessed Assurance

Assurance

#### SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister	Steve Behr
Lector	Michelle Knight
Acolyte	Eden Pankake
Communion Assistants	Brigitte Storey, Ben Galle
Sound	Scott Swartzell
Director of Music	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

## This Week at Grace: October 18 - 24, 2025

The altar flowers are given by Adam & Hope Pankake in honor of Claire & Eden's 13th birthday.

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





**EVENTS** 

Connect with Us

## We hold in prayer especially this week....

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

## We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Helen Titzel, Sandra Hartman, Rev. Conrad B. Youse

## 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.

## **Community Meal**

The Community Meal will be on Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. The menu for this meal is Beef Stroganoff \*\* over potpie or noodles, Coleslaw, Fruit Cup and Assorted Desserts. \*\*Please note that this menu is subject to change.

## Finance & Stewardship Ministry

Pledge letters and pledge cards were mailed out this week. If you did not receive one in the mail and are interested in pledging you may either contact the office at 717-737-0439 or <a href="mailto:office@gracecamphill.org">office@gracecamphill.org</a> to have a pledge card sent to you or you can pledge using the QR Code.



## All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 2

If you wish to have a loved one's image posted on the All Saints Sunday remembrance slideshow please provide a .jpg image to Chris Jury at <a href="mailto:cjury@gracecamphill.org">cjury@gracecamphill.org</a> by Monday, October 27. Or bring a physical photograph to the church on November 2 to place on a table.

## Fall Fest at Kentland – Sunday, November 2

Join us on Sunday, November 2 from 5-8pm for Fall Fest at the Kentland Retreat Center (1022 E. Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg). There will be fall crafts, a scavenger hunt, campfire with s'mores, a chili cookoff and much more. A great time for the whole family! Please go to the Events Page at <a href="https://www.gracecamphill.org/events">https://www.gracecamphill.org/events</a> to sign up or sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in the Parking Lot hallway.

## GYG Retreat at Nawakwa – November 14-16, 2025

All Grace Youth Group members, or anyone in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend a Youth Retreat at Camp Nawakwa. Please register using the QR Code by November 7, 2025. More information can be found on Events page at <a href="https://www.gracecamphill.org/events">https://www.gracecamphill.org/events</a>



#### **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 <a href="https://www.gracecamphill.org/give">https://www.gracecamphill.org/give</a> or use the QR Code.



Give Now

#### Calendar

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10/18	4:30pm	Wine & Cheese Night in Library
	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
10/19	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary (Reformation
		Sunday)
		Children's Church after the Prayer of the Day
		Brunch in Social Hall after worship
	11:00am	Confirmation at Grace
	4:45pm	GYG
10/20	6:30pm	Pub Theology Group 1 – Location TBD
	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
10/21	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room
	1:00pm	Bible Study in the Library
10/22	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
	5:30pm	Community Meal in Social Hall
10/23	6:00pm	Bells of Grace in the Balcony
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## We All Are One in Mission



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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# **Blessed Assurance**



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## **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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then 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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And 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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To contact the church office: 717.737.0439; office@gracecamphill.org Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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