

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
October 26, 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

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Allegro

Hal Hopson

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, † 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**

We Are Called

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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. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy
surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope
in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find
their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

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

WORD

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our rebellions indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸ O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹ Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰ Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander;
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them;
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace but find no good,
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 84:1-7

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!
² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and
my God.
⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it
a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing

by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW#396

***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

Take My Life and Let It Be

Thomas Keesecker

Grace Chancel Choir

***SETTING THE TABLE**

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW#464 vs 1

The musical notation is written on two staves 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.

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

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

***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.

***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.

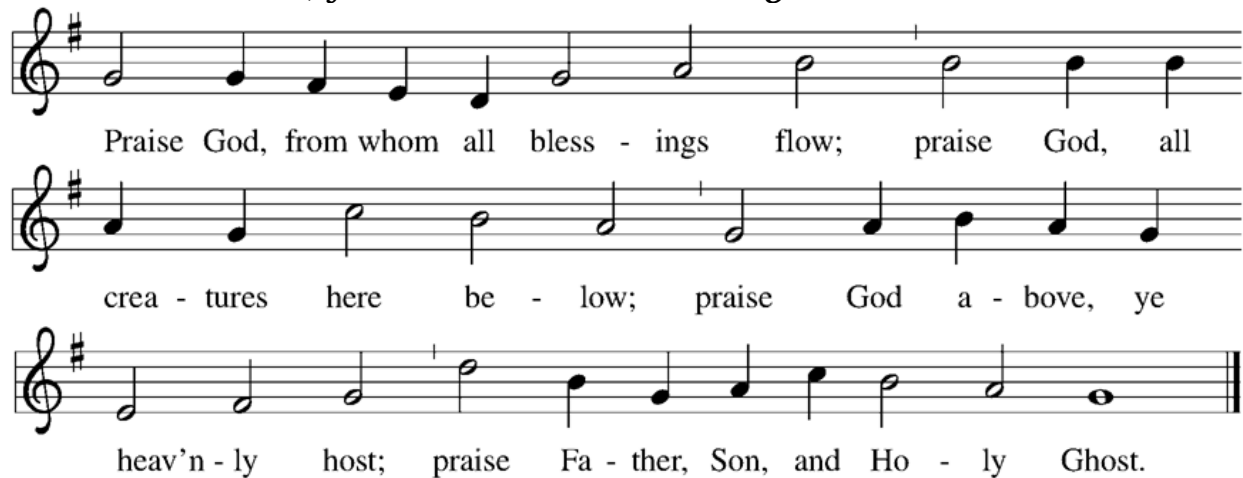
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

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***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.

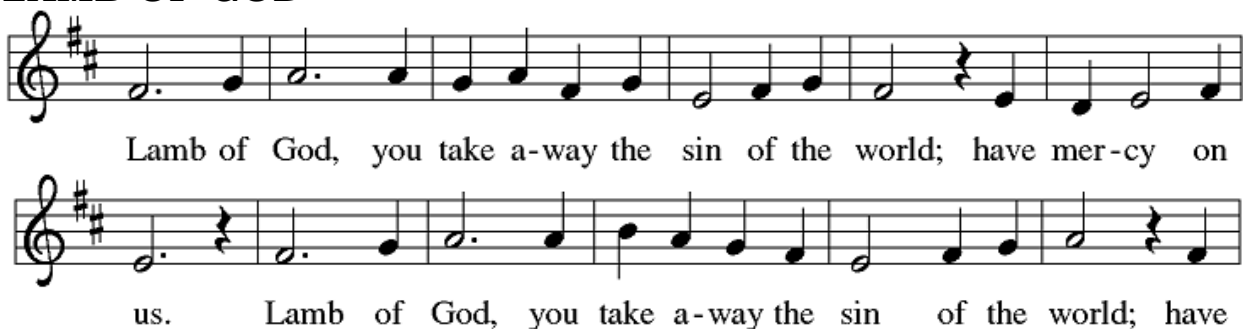
Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

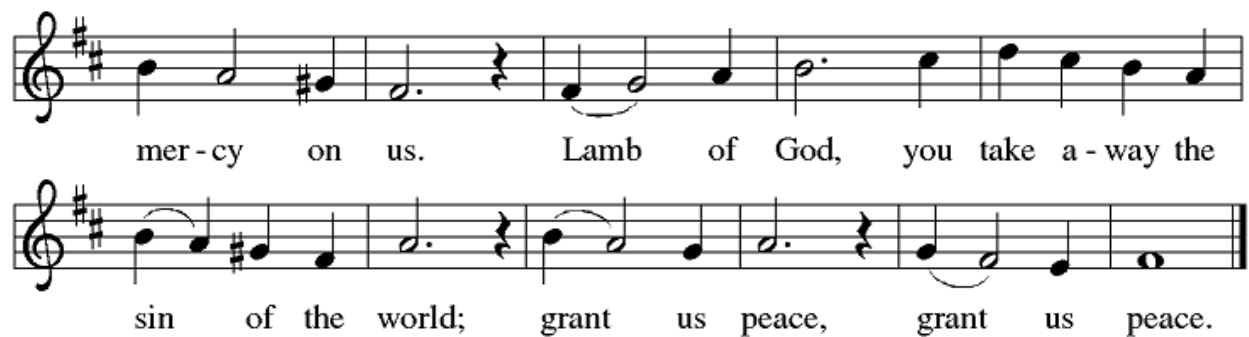
Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

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





***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**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW#742

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Jeff Compton
Assisting Minister.....Donna Enrico
Lector.....Bill Robison
AcolyteKaiden Pautz
Communion Assistants Pat O'Neal, Michelle Knight
Sound Scott Swartzell
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: October 25 - 31, 2025

The altar flowers are given by Roxanne Eckenrode to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given by Bill & Sandy Robison in honor of daughter, Karen's birthday.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Beverly Earhart, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Dave Rowland, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

Raise Twenty for Tree 4 Hope

We invite you to stop at Troegs (200 East Hershey Park Drive, Hershey) on Tuesday, October 28 between 11:30am – 9:00pm to enjoy delicious scratch-made food featuring local ingredients from the Troegs Snack Bar. When you're ready to close your tab, show the certificate from the Events Page <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/raise-twenty-for-tree-4-hope/2025-10-28> on your phone to ensure 20%* of your food purchase will be donated to Tree 4 Hope. (*Does not include alcohol, tax, or gratuity.)

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 <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events> to sign up or sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in the Parking Lot hallway.

Chancel Choir & Bells of Grace

Please note that the Chancel Choir will not be meeting on Thursday, October 30. Also, the Bells of Grace will not be meeting on Thursday, October 30 or Thursday, November 13.

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 office@gracecamphill.org 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 cjury@gracecamphill.org by Monday, October 27. Or bring a physical photograph to the church on November 2 to place on a table.

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 <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events>



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

10/25	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
10/26	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary w/Rev. Jeff Compton
10/27	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
10/28	9:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room Bible Study in the Library Pub Theology Group 2 – Troegs (200 E. Hershey Park Drive, Hershey)
10/29	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
10/30	6:00pm	Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot <i>No Bell of Chancel Choir</i>

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

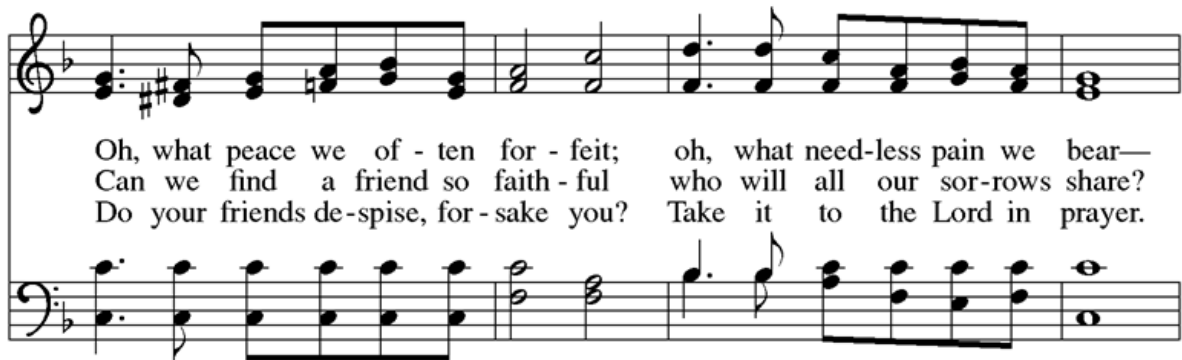
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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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