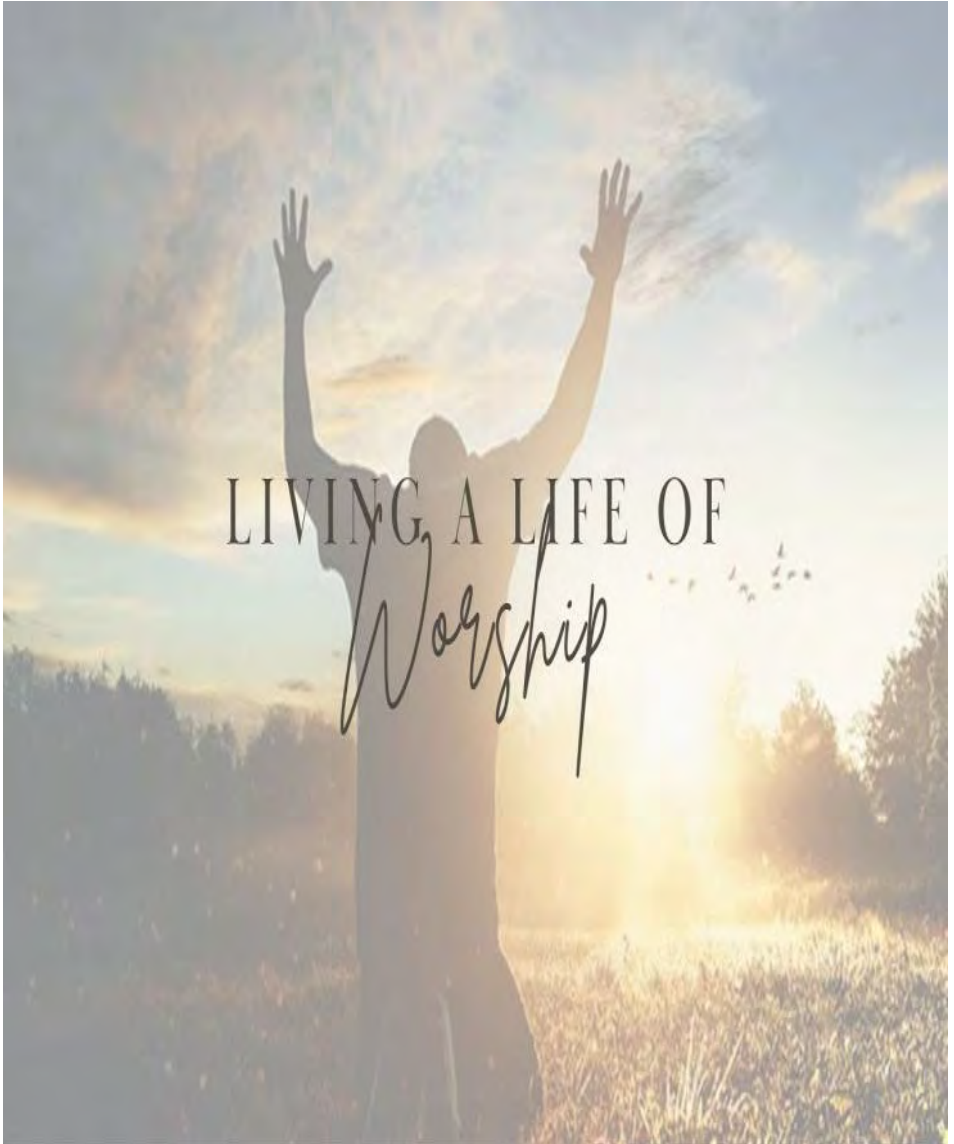




**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
August 30th, 2026
Founded 1924**



LIVING A LIFE OF
Worship

~Preservice Songs: *“He Reigns”*
“Friend of God”

~Welcome and Announcements

~Prayers of the Day

*~In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.~*

~Prayer of Invitation:

*P: Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a
blameless life;*

*C: I have trusted in the LORD and have not
faltered.*

*P: Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart
and my mind;*

*C: for I have always been mindful of your
unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your
faithfulness.*

~Psalm 26:1-3

~Hymn of Praise: *“Glory to the Lamb”*

~Confession of Sins:

*P: Let us then confess our sins to God our
Father.*

*C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are
by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned*

against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

~Absolution

~Readings:

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

~Prayer:

Loving God, You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow after You—to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose. So we come before You this morning with open hearts and open hands, eager to hear Your Word, and eager to know Your will. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to Your presence; open our ears to Your call, open our hearts to one another.

And then send us back out into the world, to live and work as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: *"I Will Follow"*

~Sermon

~The Nicene Creed

~Tithes and Offerings

~Prayer:

Merciful God, help us to turn away from things that do not lead to life--from attitudes and actions that get in the way of our relationship with You and distract us from hearing Your voice and doing Your will. Open our eyes and ears to Your presence and Your call. Give us courage to take up our cross and follow where You lead, even if the path is uncertain or leads in unexpected directions. For You alone are God, and we are Your people. Take our lives, and use us to Your glory. Amen.

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *“In the Secret”*
“Gather Us In”

~Prayer of Thanks:

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise: *“If We are the Body”*

Pray for Our Families

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are: **Sue Williams**

Dave & Wendy Wright

Cal Abrams

Remember to keep our **Grace Family** and the **CLC** in your daily prayers. Pray for This Week's Ministry:

Labor Day Weekend

Happenings This Week

August 31st - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

September 1st - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

September 2nd - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

Deacon's Meeting 6pm

September 3rd - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Grace out Loud 5:30pm

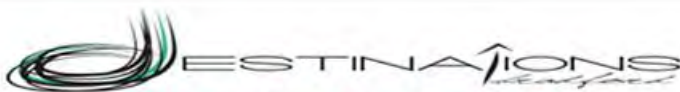
September Service Schedule

Reader: Mary Paterniti

Prayers: Michele Clark

Sept. Altar Guild: Wendy Wright & Kathy Verbocy

Sept. Counters: Al & Amy Dexter



Noisy Can Collection
for Destinations-Bradford

TODAY

The Can is on the table
in the back of the church

DESTINATIONS MONTHLY DONATIONS SEPTEMBER



SOUP + WATER

Place donations in the
RED bin.



Sarah Lanier's 99th Birthday is September 16th!!

If you would like to send her a card her new mailing address
is: 5471 Thomaston Road, Apt. 29, Macon, GA 31220

PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for God's people is a personal gift and means of reaching out to those in our lives. Grace is a praying church which reaches out to lift up God's children. The Prayer Chain provides reaching these needs. If you would like to be part of this mission at Grace, please contact Jan Swanson at: 814-362-3640

Home Prayers For Our Grace Family

is a new ministry to strengthen our daily, personal prayer time for our Grace family. Print-outs are in the back of the sanctuary.

The next **Congregation Prayer Meeting** will be held on
September 24th at 4pm in the Sanctuary.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-2pm.

August 23rd, 2026 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 61

Recycling:

Giving: \$2,452.00

Destinations:



Holy Communion

We believe that Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, is a Sacrament of God, instituted by Christ Himself, giving and sealing the gift of forgiveness to those who believe and follow Him.

To help you to decide if you would like to join your brothers and sisters at the Communion table, ask yourself the following questions:

- 1.) Have I been baptized with water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?
- 2.) Do I believe the Good News of Jesus' victory over sin and death on the cross for me?
- 3.) Do I recognize the Body and Blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine of Communion given for me for the forgiveness of sins?

If you said 'yes' to each of these questions and desire Holy Communion, the Lord welcomes you to His Holy Supper.

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