



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
September 13th, 2026
Founded 1924**

FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

**~Preservice Songs: “My Savior, My God”
“Battle Belongs”**

~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:

LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead. So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. ~Psalm 143: 1-6

~Hymn of Praise:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

~Confession of Sins:

Father, our Abba Father, Your forgiveness is mercy. Such pardon and kindness I cannot fathom. Your forgiveness is unfailing love. Such patience and understanding I cannot comprehend. Your forgiveness is overwhelming compassion. Such sympathy and warmth I cannot reciprocate. Your forgiveness is the blotting out of transgressions. Such freedom and good will I do not deserve. Your forgiveness is the washing away of my iniquities. Such purity and newness I cannot maintain. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Amen

~Absolution

~Prayer:

Gracious God, may Your Word and the preaching of it, come to us through your Holy Spirit's power, so that our faith might not rest on our own understanding, but upon Your power and presence. Help us never to depend upon our own might or power, but always upon Your Spirit.

~Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

May You, the God of all hope, fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you, and in your holy Son, the Lord Jesus, Messiah of all people. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: *“Goodness of God”*

~Sermon

~The Nicene Creed

~Tithes and Offerings

~Prayer:

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts; Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you! Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God; Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you! We have found a home in your presence, Our King and Our God; Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you! Who is like our God, the One who strengthens his people, the One who reveals himself to all who seek after him? This is our God, the Holy One. Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise. Amen. (based on Psalm 84)

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *"Breathe"*

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

~Prayer of Thanks:

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and by Your Spirit conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

"Death Was Arrested"

Pray for Our Families

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

Greg Bennett

Glenn Bunce

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

Volunteers

Happenings This Week

September 14th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

September 15th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

September 16th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

September 17th - 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

DESTINATIONS MONTHLY DONATIONS SEPTEMBER



SOUP + WATER

Place donations in the
RED bin.



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

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - September 24th

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the church social hall at 10:30AM. There will be coffee and cookies before class. All Women are invited to attend. Bring a friend! Our topic for this Bible Study is "Evangelism-A Way of Life". How can we overcome our fears and insecurities and reach out to others. The Bible shows us many examples of how Jesus dealt with people. We are to expose our faith, not impose or hide it. Study Guides are \$9.00 for our sessions from Sept-May with some adjustments for holidays. Guides will be available at the Sept.10th session.

Contact Vicki Sander: 814-465-3137 or

Laura Keesler: 814-465-9388 for further information.

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

September 6th, 2026 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 59

Recycling:

Giving: \$7,472.00

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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