



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost *September 14, 2025*

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a liturgical season with a common focus, rather, it is just the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This period is often referred to as “Ordinary Time” and the liturgical color is **green**. These are the ordinary days in which we live our Christian faith in the regular routine of daily life. This seems simple enough, but the way the Sundays are counted on the calendar gets a bit confusing. It begins with the First Sunday after Pentecost and then counts sequentially until the 24th Sunday after Pentecost which is Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If it stopped here that would be clear, but each Sunday during this time is also given another title: Proper 7-29 where the numbers do not coincide with the numbered Sundays after Pentecost. This proper numbering system is based on the moveable date of Easter. Honestly, there is no need to be concerned about this numbering framework, just focus on the ordinary daily life of Jesus as he goes about teaching, healing, and loving people as you live your ordinary life each day!

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799
8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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OPENING HYMN: Come As You Are



1. Come as you are, _____ that's how I want you. _____
 2. No need to fear, _____ love sets no limits. _____
 3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous. I
 4. Come as you are, _____ that's how I love you. _____



1. Come as you are, feel quite at home.
 2. No need to fear, love never ends.
 3. I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
 4. Come as you are, trust me a gain.



1. Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
 2. Don't run away, shamed and disheartened
 3. Each time you fail to live by my promise,
 4. Nothing can change the love that I bear you.



1. come as you are, why stand alone?
 2. Rest in my love, trust me a gain.
 3. why do you think I'd love you the less?
 4. All will be well, just come as you are.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

GLORIA: Psalm 95



Sing a song to the Lord's ho - ly name. May the
won - ders of God be pro - claimed. Sing a
song to the Lord, now ac - claim. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Ho - ly is God's name!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

This Week's Reader: Selia Tuten

Next Sunday's Readers: Nora Heath & Tom Stotz

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

“For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 14 – *Dixit insipiens*

*Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the **

¹The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."*

**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

²The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

³Every one has proved faithless;

all alike have turned bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers*

**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

⁵See how they tremble with fear, *

because God is in the company of the righteous.

⁶Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *

but the Lord is their refuge.

⁷Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

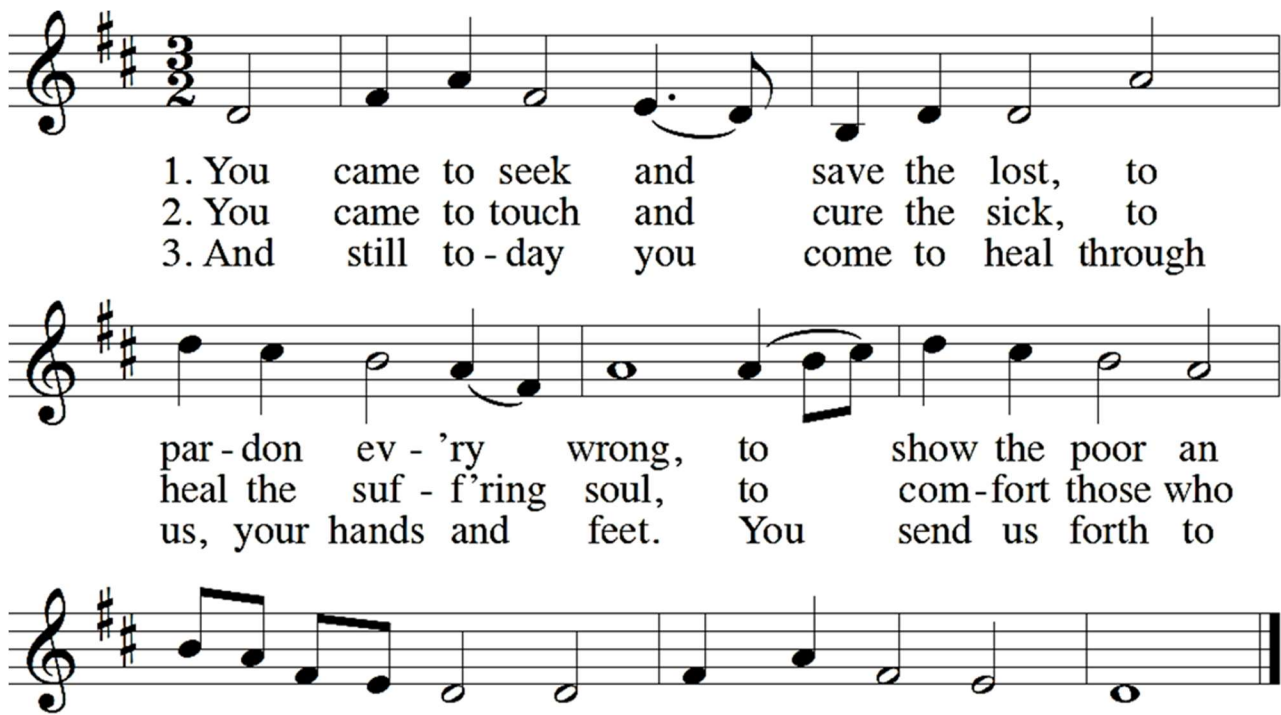
Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: You Came To Seek And Save The Lost



1. You came to seek and save the lost, to
2. You came to touch and cure the sick, to
3. And still to-day you come to heal through

par-don ev-'ry wrong, to show the poor an
heal the suf-f'ring soul, to com-fort those who
us, your hands and feet. You send us forth to

o - pen door, a world where all be - long.
weep and mourn, to make the bro - ken whole.
show God's face, God's love, to all we meet.

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice

with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to 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, and 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 give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand or kneel

Leader In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort, and strengthen them.

***People* We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For our greater community in Mt. Clemens and Macomb County, and for all those who come to our building to be nourished by the food we provide.

***People* We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the spirit of peace in the world: that all national violence and wars, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan may end, so that all people may live in peace and safety.

***People* We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the world's poor, for those who are hungry and homeless: let not the needy be forgotten, or the hope of the poor be taken away.

***People* We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the spirit of unity, forgiveness, and reconciliation in our country: guide our elected officials to put aside political rivalry and work for the good of all our citizens.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism: may this national sin be acknowledged and cleansed from our hearts, institutions, and nation.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For all those who are sick or infirmed, and those who are on our prayer list, which is found near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For those whose lives are approaching death and for those who have died: that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the children in our lives and in our world: grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

People We pray to you, O God.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout our country and the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

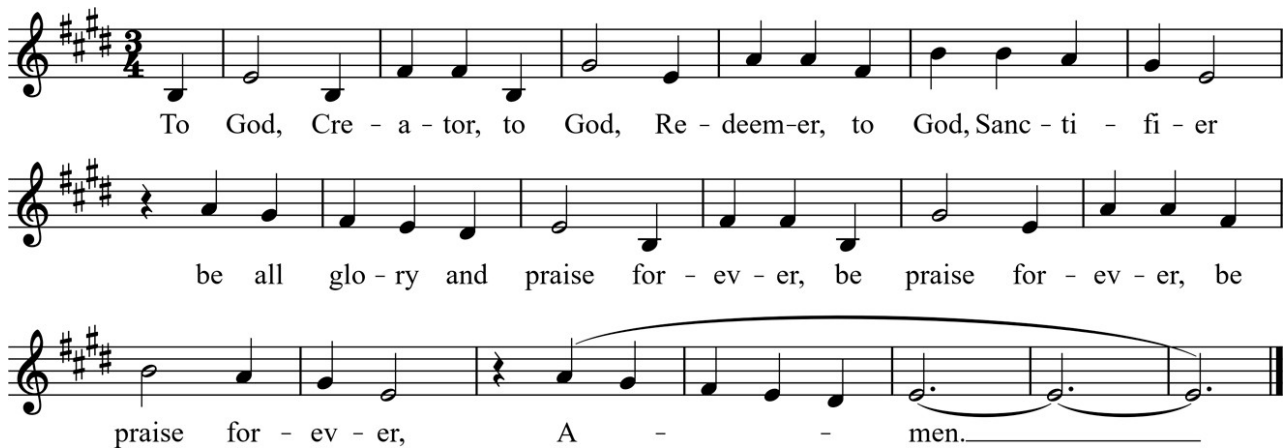
Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: If I Can Help Somebody (Jerry Gardner, solo)

DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to our God.**

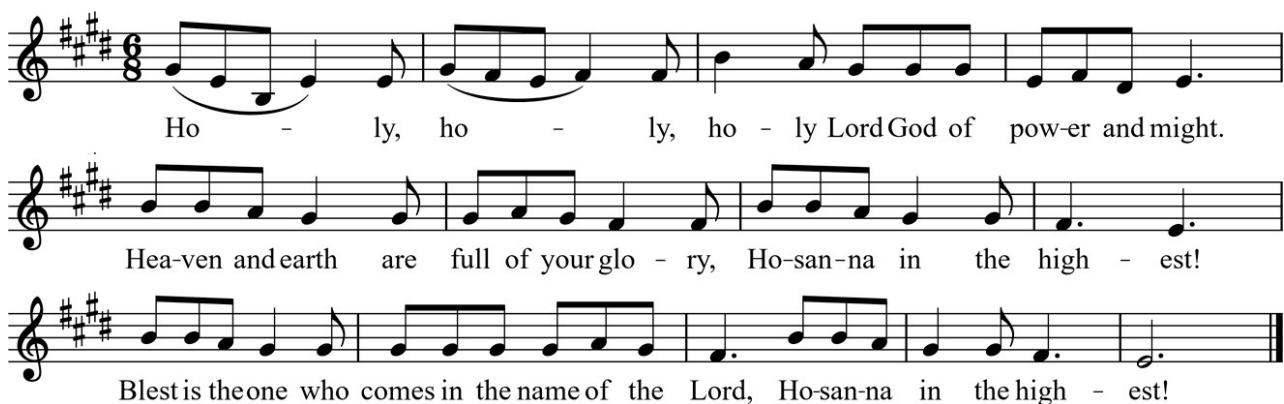
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san-na in the high - est!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

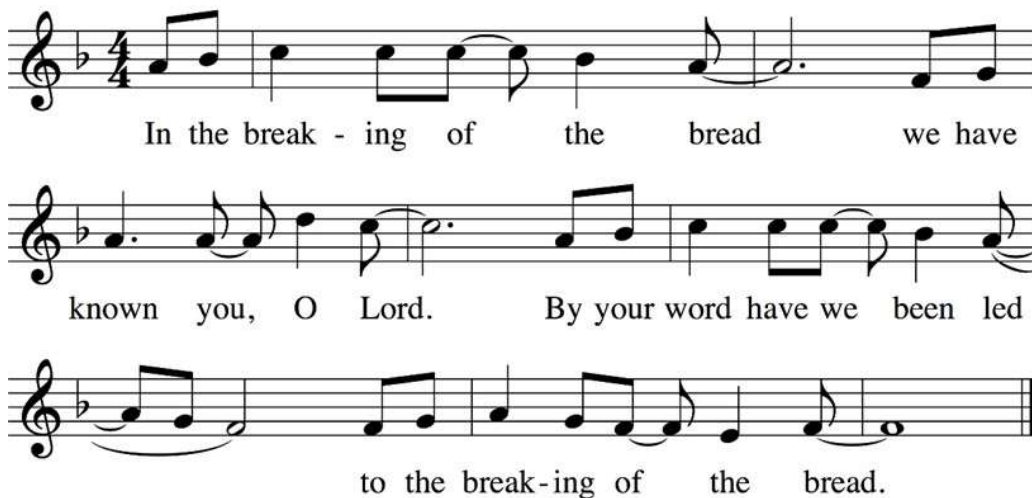
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

FRACTIO: Emmaus



Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request).

You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: At The Table, All Are Equal



1. At the ta-ble, all are e - qual, all ap-proach the feast as
3. At the ta-ble, all are cher-ished, all are sought at an - y



guest. None sit in the seat of hon - or:
cost, none a - ban - doned or for-sak - en,



at the ta-ble, none are best. 2. At the ta - ble,
at the ta-ble, none are lost. 4. At the ta - ble,



none go hun - gry, none must steal or beg for bread;
none are fin-ished, none sit self-ish-ly con - tent;



all re-ceive from God's a-bun-dance: at the ta-ble, all are
all are called to love in ser - vice: from the ta-ble, all are



fed. At the ta - ble, none go hun-gry,
sent. At the ta - ble, all are cher-ished,



at the ta-ble all are fed.
at the ta-ble all are sent.



At the ta - ble, all are e - qual, at the ta-ble, all are fed.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service, O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. AMEN.

BLESSING

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN #708: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and mood are indicated by a common time signature (C) and a simple, hymn-like melody. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes two-part lyrics for the first and second verses. The second and third systems provide lyrics for both parts of the hymn. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics.

1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

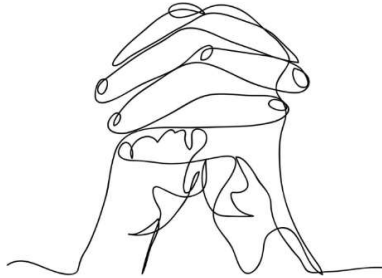
for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship has ended; let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Nina DiGaetano; Donna Hanes; Katherine Domienik; Jasmine Gardner; Tom & Sandy Krell; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Andy Jaeger; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Beth Smith; Bill Sobkowicz; Martha Wehba; Carolyn Siewert; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Joshua R.; Suzanne LaMontagne; John Schober; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Ernie Simon; Nancy & Bob Johnson; John Kelvin; Rick Gheresi; Rory Heinz; Lynn Vineyard; Erica Fields; Emily Lau-Ward & Josh; Sue Sargent; Jim, Sean, Seth, and Jason Cueny; Dave Otto; Alessandro Biehl; Louise Lambert; Carole Schwertman; the St. Peter family; the Schlanbusch family; Tish Germain.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.

Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH
Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.

Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:00

Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup

Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4

35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035

Packing for the 2025-26 school year begins on October 7

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:
586-465-4573***

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all bulletin submissions to bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open **Mondays and Thursdays** from **8:45 AM to 2:45 PM** and **Tuesdays** from **8:45 AM to 10:45 AM**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsal **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, as we prepare for Bishop Perry's visit on All Saints Day, November 2. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

DINNER FUNDRAISER

Stop by River Crest Family Dining (on the west side of Harper just north of Metro Parkway) on **October 2** from **4 to 8 PM** for good food and fundraising fun, including a 50/50 raffle and gift baskets. We are currently collecting items for the baskets; you can create your own or bring in items for us to whip something up!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

QUARTERS FOR A CAUSE

Join us on **Saturday, September 20** for a fun night of Quarters for a Cause! Doors open at **5 PM** and the bidding starts at **6 PM**. Just **\$5** per person buys three paddles; bring an item for the food pantry (especially peanut butter and/or cereal) and get an extra paddle. We'll be raffling off themed baskets and baked goods, and don't forget to take part in the 50/50 drawing! Hot dogs, chips, beverages, and desserts will be available for purchase. Please call Christa Carpenter at (586) 663-6246 with any questions or donations.

