

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

## The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 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: We All Are One In Mission**



#### **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: To God Be The Glory**



Fa -ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

#### This Week's Reader: Nora Heath

Next Sunday: Combined 10 AM service at American Lutheran Church In Two Weeks: **Scot Lau & Lucy Smith** (Combined 10 AM service at Grace)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

#### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE** Psalm 119:97-104 – *Quomodo dilexi!* Verses read alternately by the reader and the people, breaking at the \*

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law!\* all the day long it is in my mind.

98Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,\* and it is always with me.

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,\* for your decrees are my study.

<sup>100</sup>I am wiser than the elders,\*

because I observe your commandments.

101I restrain my feet from every evil way,\* that I may keep your word.

102I do not shrink from your judgments,\* because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste!\* they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

<sup>104</sup>Through your commandments I gain understanding;\* **therefore I hate every lying way.** 

### **SECOND READING** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

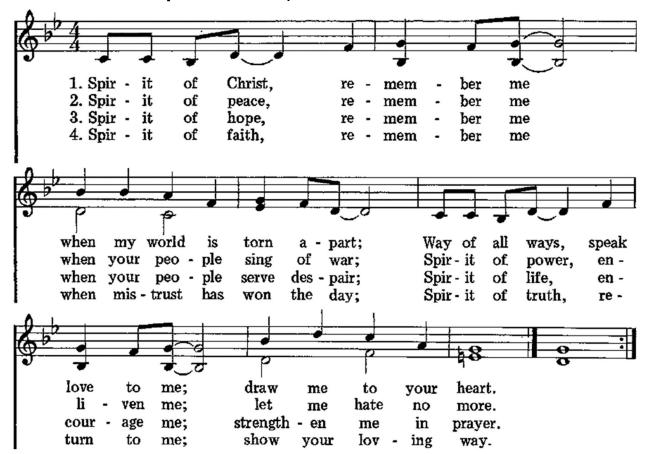
In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



### **GOSPEL HYMN: Spirit Of Christ, Remember Me**



**GOSPEL** Luke 18:1-8 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**HOMILY** 

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

# **Presentation and Examination** of the Candidate for Baptism

Sydney Ann Briguglio-Newby

#### Celebrant:

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

#### **Parents and Godparents:**

I present Sydney Ann Briguglio-Newby to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### Celebrant:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

#### Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

#### Celebrant:

Will you by your prayers and witness help Sydney to grow into the full stature of Christ?

#### Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Sydney:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

#### I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

#### I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

#### I do.

Celebrant then addresses the congregation:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Sydney and her family in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant continues:

Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

#### Celebrant continues:

Let us now pray for Sydney who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for all of us who have renewed our commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant:

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **AMEN.** 

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant continues:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who

come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **AMEN.** 

## **THE BAPTISM**

Celebrant:

Sydney, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.** 

Celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Sydney the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **AMEN.** 

## **ANOINTING WITH OIL**

The Celebrant then places a hand on Sydney's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Sydney, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **AMEN.** 

Celebrant continues:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

#### Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### 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 #530: Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word



4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring-ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot-est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;

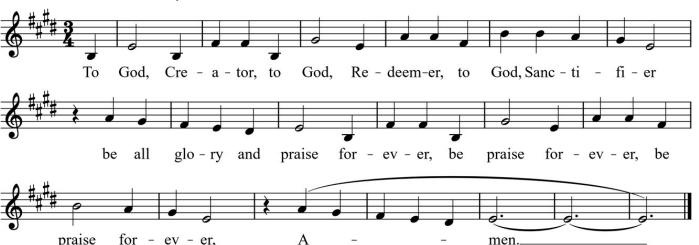
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;

3 how for ev er, in its need, through his death the world is freed; 4 how his nev er - fail ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.

5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.



## **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.

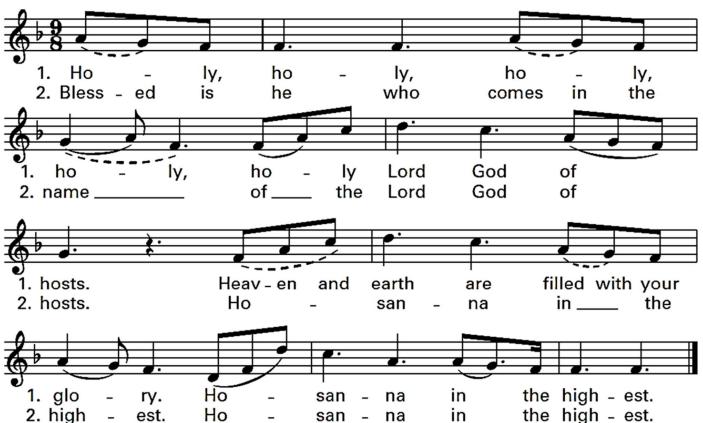
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

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**



#### 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: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered



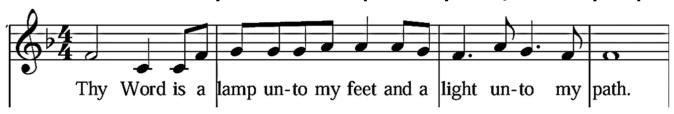
Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

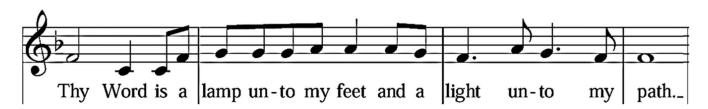
#### COMMUNION

#### 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: Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet / Order My Steps**







#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

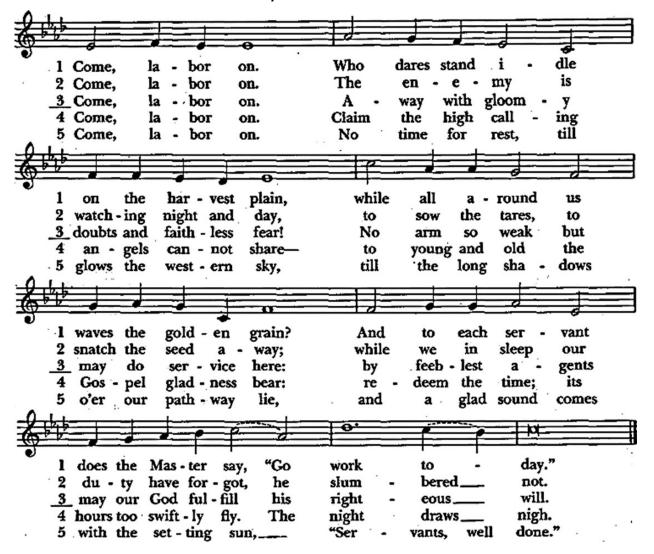
Celebrant and People say together:

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.** 

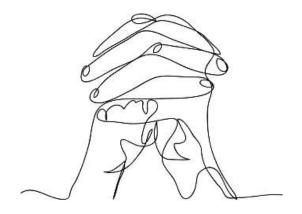
#### **CLOSING HYMN #541: Come, Labor On**



#### **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!



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; Martha Wehba; Carolyn Siewert; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; John Kelvin; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Lynn Vineyard; Erica Fields; Emily Lau-Ward & Josh; Dave Otto; Louise Lambert; Carole Schwertman; the St. Peter family; the Schlanbusch family; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Nicoletta Palazzolo; Lucy Smith & family; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Dave Farrell; the Biehl family.

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.

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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

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

#### Service Update

October 26 Combined 10 AM service at American Lutheran Church, followed by lunch and Trunk or Treat

**November 2** Bishop Bonnie Perry presiding over one **10 AM** service, followed by brunch

#### 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!

#### **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!

#### **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!

#### **BOOK CLUB**

The next book club meeting will be **Thursday, November 13** at **6 PM** at the church. The book we will discuss is *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup*, by John Carreyrou. Elizabeth Holmes, CEO of the Theranos Company, deceived many brilliant scientists and investors with the Unicorn, a lab machine purported to make blood testing faster and easier. The author, John Carreyrou, worked for the Wall Street Journal and, through tips from former Theranos employees, was able to expose Holmes and her secrets, leading to her conviction and prison sentence. Please join us for a very interesting discussion.

