



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026

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!

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

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8:30 AM Service:

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OPENING HYMN: God Is Calling

Please stand as you are able



1. God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir-it's
2. God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors'
3. God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and

deep-est sighs; through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties
ur-gent prayers: through their long-ing for re-demp-tion
hu-man arts: through the hymns of earth and an-gels,

that can catch us by sur-prise. Flash of light-ning,
and for res-cue from de-spair. Place of hurt or
and the car-ols of our hearts. Lift of joy and

crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing— can you hear?
God is call-ing— can you hear?
God is call-ing— and we hear!

ACCLAMATION

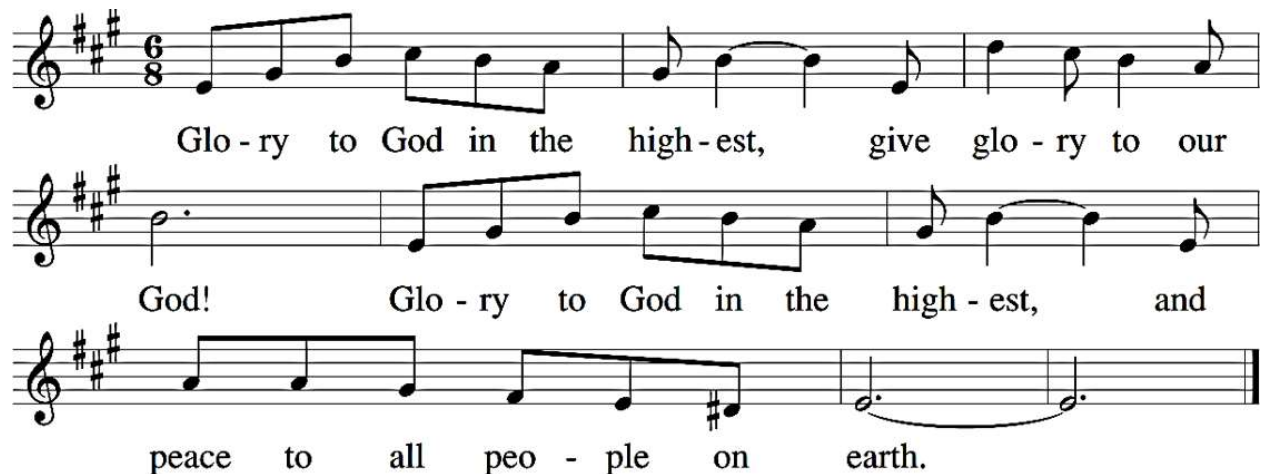
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: **Scot Lau**

Next Week's Readers: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



RESPONSE Psalm 85:8-13 – *Benedixisti, Domine*

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,*
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;*
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,*
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: Wade In The Water

Please stand as you are able

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
Wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' to trou - ble the wa - ter.

1. See ___ that ___ host all dressed in white,
2. See ___ that ___ band all dressed in red,
3. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed, } God's a - goin' to

1-3. trou - ble the wa - ter. { 1. The lead - er ___ looks like the
2. Looks like the ___ band that ___
3. Just fol - low me down to ___

1. Is - rael - ite,
2. Mo - ses led,
3. Jor - dan's stream. } God's a - goin' to trou - ble the wa - ter.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in

fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HOMILY The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

Please be seated

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Holy Baptism

Anthony Alan Simon

Celebrant:

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor:

I present Anthony Alan Simon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant:

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate:

I do.

The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidate, Anthony:

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 Anthony in his 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.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant continues:

Let us now pray for Anthony 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:

Anthony, 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 Anthony the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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 Anthony's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Anthony, 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

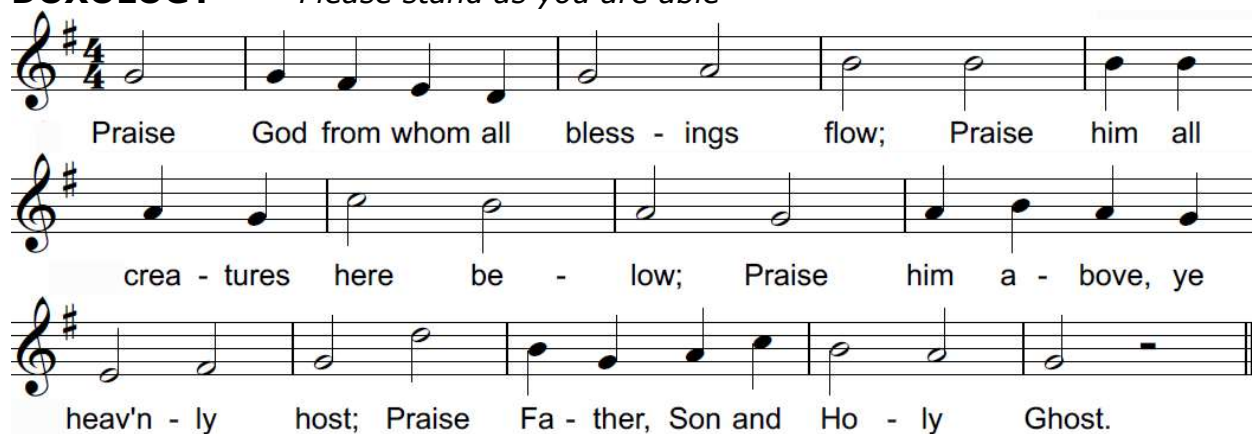
OFFERTORY HYMN: Take Me To The Water



1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

DOXOLOGY *Please stand as you are able*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant continues:

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion, you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice and mercy. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na
in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord; — Ho - san - na in the high - est! —
— Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

Lord, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for the salvation of the world, you reveal the glory and power of your love.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Embracing our humanity, he taught us the way of salvation. Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us. Dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

On the night you gave up your Son for us all, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit, let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, free the oppressed, and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen. Alleluia!

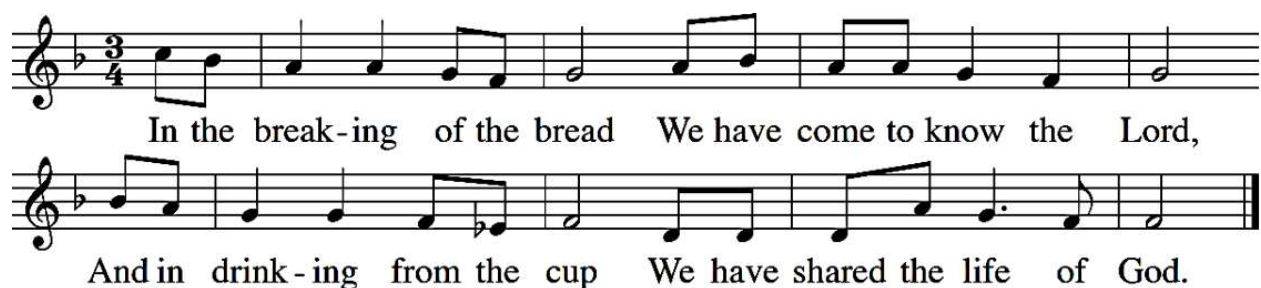
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FRACTION



In the break-ing of the bread We have come to know the Lord,
And in drink-ing from the cup We have shared the life of God.

Celebrant Taste and see that our God is good; come to the banquet table with joy and thanksgiving!

COMMUNION

Please be seated

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: A Whisper From The Universe



1 A whis - per from the u - ni - verse as
2 But God did more than scat - ter stars or
3 To guide and guard our life of faith the
4 More named than fath - omed Mys - ter - y, Tri -

dis - tant stars ap - pear, the mur - mur of a
make the plan - ets spin; in hum - ble love God
Ho - ly Spir - it came, as once to breathe life
une and un - be - gun, re - veal through us your

whip - poor - will, the sleep - ing for - est, deep and still: each
came to earth, took hu - man form to show our worth, when
in - to dust now sent a - gain to mend mis - trust, and
bound - less life, to heal and bless, tame hate and strife, and

word - less voice we hear re - veals that God is near.
Christ re - deemed our sin to let new life be - gin.
sealed with wind and flame all those who bear God's name.
help your will be done to make all peo - ple one.

SELECTION You Are My Refuge (Lucy Smith, soloist)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

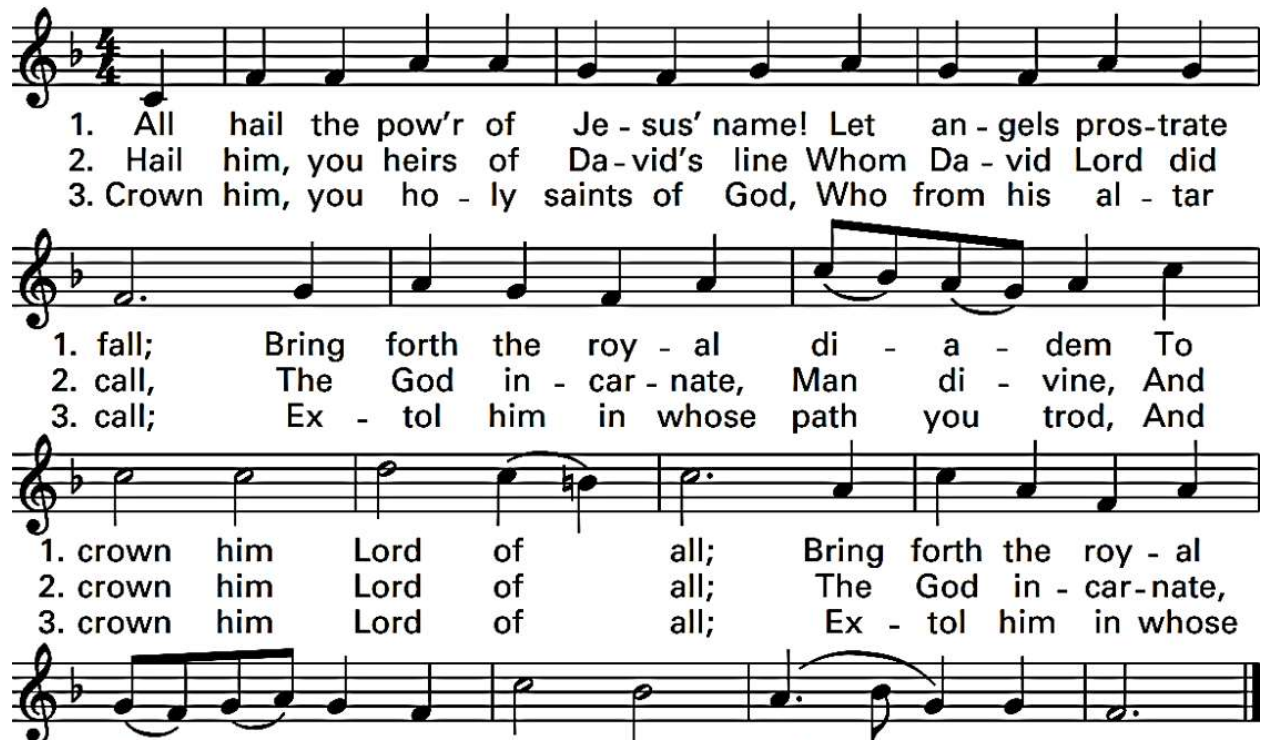
Celebrant and People say together:

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

May God lead you in marvelous ways and stir your inmost being to be light and love to those around you, and may the blessing of God—God our Creator, God our Redeemer, and God our Sanctifier—be upon you this day and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2. Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line Whom Da - vid Lord did
3. Crown him, you ho - ly saints of God, Who from his al - tar

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem To
2. call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
3. call; Ex - tol him in whose path you trod, And

1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; The God in - car - nate,
3. crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol him in whose

1. di - a - dem To crown him Lord of all.
2. Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
3. path you trod, And crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our time of worship has now ended. Go in peace to love God and to love 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; Julie E. Schneider-Thomas, 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 our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gherisi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo; Betty Gillis; David Schihl; Martha Houser; Stacy Wagenknecht; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten; the Stotz family; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert; Norris Satterly.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?

Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

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 250-500 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4

35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

Packing for the 2026-27 school year begins in October

**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***

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

COFFEE HOUR

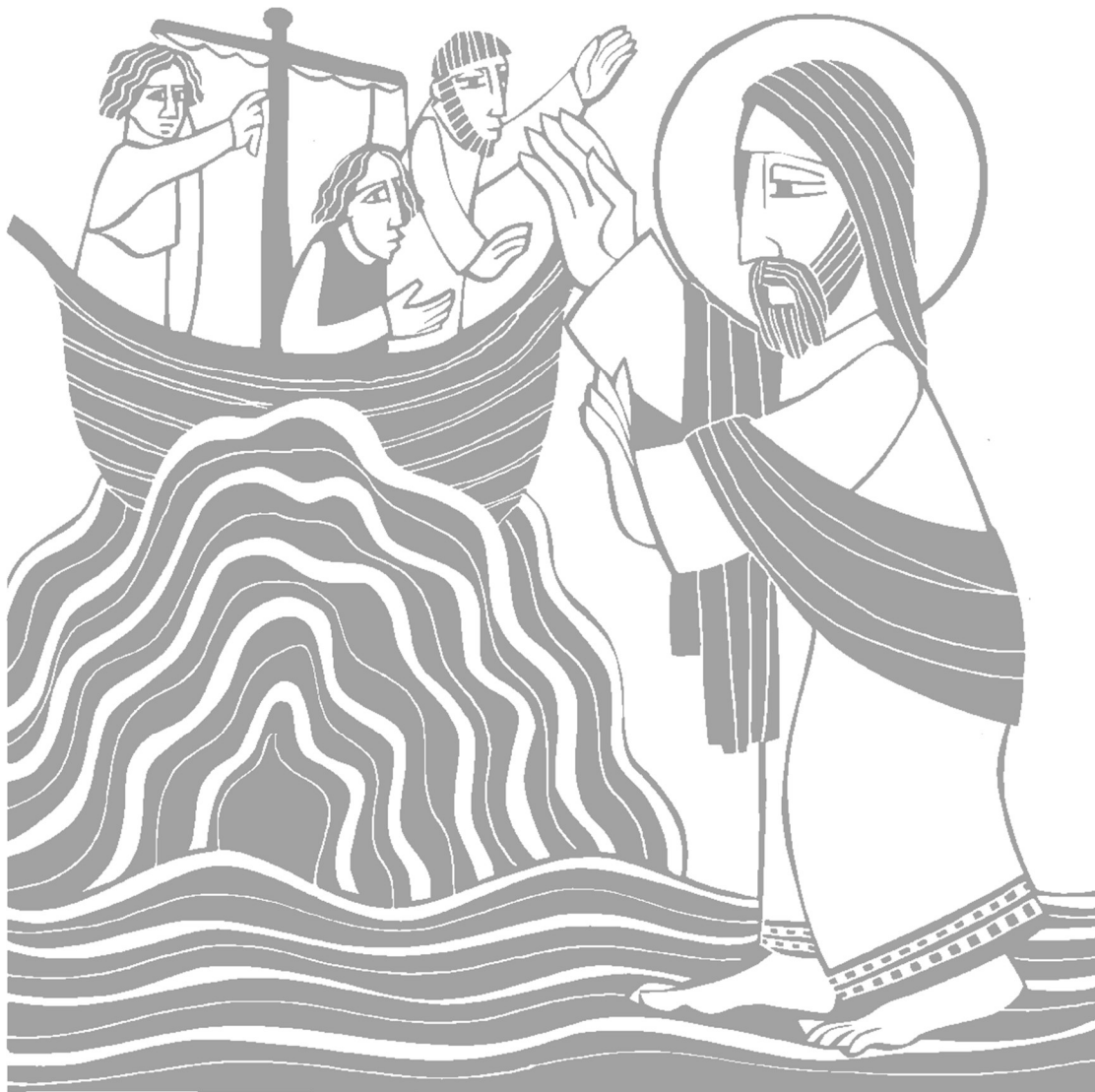
Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality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

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at Grace on **Thursday, September 10** at **6 PM** to discuss *The Shadow Box* by Luanne Rice. Reviews of this book describe it as a thriller mystery with multiple and seamless twists and turns. If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel. Looking forward to seeing you!



For Love Over the Spirit of Hatred

God of reconciling love, who **created every person** in your image and calls us to love one another, **we mourn** every act of violence born of **hatred**, especially when people are targeted because of who they are. **We grieve** especially the **fear and suffering** left in the wake of violence against the LGBTQ+ community. **We pray for** those who were **harmed** in the attack at the Pride event in Berlin. **Comfort** the grieving, **heal** the injured, and give your angels charge over those who live in fear. O Lord, **turn all hearts from hatred** and break the cycle of any type of radicalization. **Give your holy wisdom** to leaders, faith communities, and families as they seek to recognize and **interrupt violence** before it takes root in their homes and communities. May your peace, through the power of your Holy Spirit, take root wherever fear seeks to divide your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
