



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## **The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost** *September 20, 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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## OPENING HYMN: Ye Servants Of God, Your Master Proclaim!

*Please stand as you are able*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

## 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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Readers: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed***

*Next Week's Readers: **Ann & Dave Farrell***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

*Reader* A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about

the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** Psalm 145:1-8 – *Exaltabo te, Deus*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,\*  
**and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you\*  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;\*  
**there is no end to his greatness.**

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another\*  
**and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty\*  
**and all your marvelous works.**

<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,\*  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;\*  
**they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,\*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 1:21-30

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know

that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL HYMN: Come, Labor On

*Please stand as you are able*

1. Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har-vest plain,  
 2. Come, la-bor on. The en - e - my is watch - ing night and day,  
 3. Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share -  
 4. Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all a - round us waves the gold-en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 to sow the tares, to snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 to young and old the Gos - pel glad-ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 till the long sha - dows o'er our path-way lie, and a glad sound comes

does the Mas-ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 du - ty have for-got, he slum - bered not.  
 hours too swift - ly fly. The draws nigh.  
 with the set-ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

**GOSPEL** Matthew 20:1-16

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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**

*Molly Rae Pradon*

*Parents: Joseph & Samantha Pradon*

*Godparents: Nicholas Briguglio & Jonathan Newby*

*Celebrant:*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents and Godparents:**

**I present Molly Rae Pradon 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 Molly 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 Molly:*

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 Molly 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 Molly 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:*

Molly, 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 Molly 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 Molly's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

Molly, 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 My Life And Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.

2 Take my sil - ver and my gold; naught of thine would I with - hold.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

Take my heart, my mind, my will; let them be thy serv - ants still.



Take my hands, my feet, my love; at thine im - pulse let them move.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treas - ure store.



Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King.

Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.



Let it be,\_\_\_\_ Let it be,\_\_\_\_ Let it be,\_\_\_\_ Let it be.\_\_\_\_



Whis - per words of wis - dom, Let it be.\_\_\_\_ Let it be,\_\_\_\_



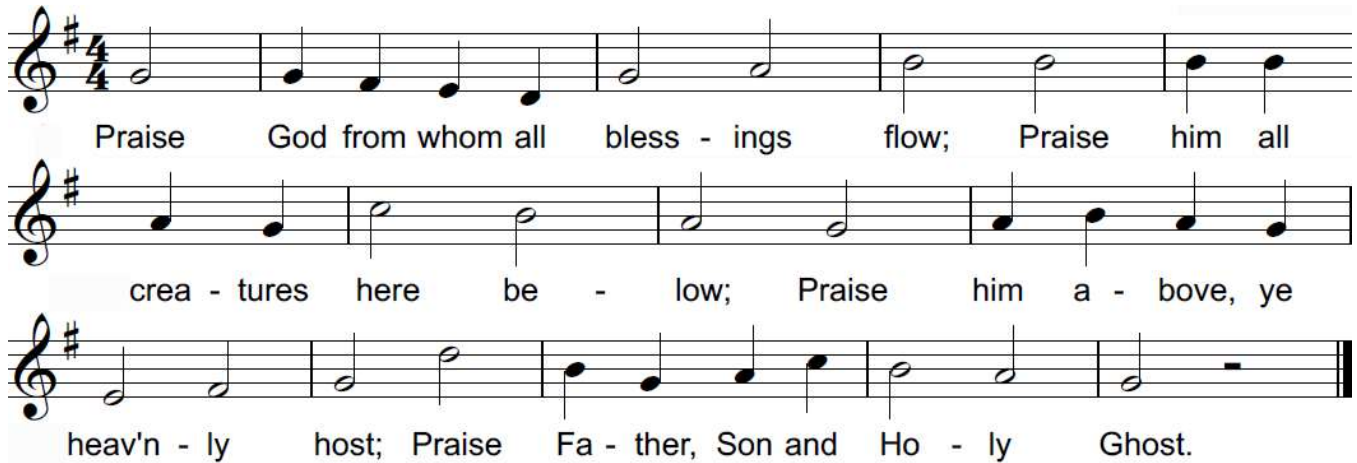
\_\_\_\_ Let it be,\_\_\_\_ Let it be,\_\_\_\_ Let it be.\_\_\_\_



There will be an ans - wer, Let it be.\_\_\_\_

## 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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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

Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to  
you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Trans-form our  
lives a - new. O - pen our eyes so that we might see  
your pres - ence in one an - oth - er. Your life, poured out in  
love to-day, u - nites us all in you.

*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: Open My Eyes, Lord

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. (To verse 2)  
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. (To verse 3)  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. (To bridge)  
I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge  
And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,  
and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,  
and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known. D.C.

## 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: How Great Thou Art!

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der Con-si-der  
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, And hear the  
all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from lof-ty moun-tain  
thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played; Then sings my  
gran-deur And hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my  
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

## 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 Gherzi; 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; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert; Norris Satterly; the Wagenknecht family; Dan Kotesky; Judy Kuase; Brian Negran; Sue Culver; Takashi Nawafune; Mary Lang.

*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 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4

35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

*Packing for the 2026-27 school year begins October 6*

**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](mailto:bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org)*

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open from **9 AM** to **12 PM** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### 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!

### COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN AND SING!

Join us at choir rehearsal **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. Faces and voices both new and familiar are most welcome as we lift up our praises in song and help guide our Grace community into the seasons of thankfulness, Advent, and the birth of our Lord!

### BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be at Grace on **Thursday, November 12** at **6 PM**, and we'll be discussing John Grisham's *The Widow*. We would love for you to attend! Just read the book, come to the meeting, and be prepared for a lively discussion in a comfortable setting. Call or see Ann Strevel with any questions or concerns.



## For The Preservation of Our Shared Memory

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**God** of generations, who **calls** your people to remember and to pass on what they have received, **we pray for the preservation** of our shared **memory**. **We lament** when the difficult chapters of our **nation's history** are **hidden**, diminished, or stripped of their context, and when the **experiences** of those who suffered **are lost**. **Give us courage** to remember our past truthfully, neither denying its wounds nor allowing them to obscure what is worthy of gratitude. **Protect** those entrusted with preserving and interpreting our history: **archivists**, historians, museum workers, librarians, teachers, and local communities. **Grant them wisdom**, integrity, and freedom to preserve and seek the truth. **Embolden us** to learn from both achievements and failures, and to preserve these lessons faithfully for generations yet to come. Through Jesus Christ, our teacher in the way of peace. Amen.

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