

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 10, 2023**

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## 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

How great are your works, O LORD!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**and your faithfulness by night,**

to the music of the lute and the harp,

**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the

mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church



Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Offertory

### 956 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12

Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt.

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

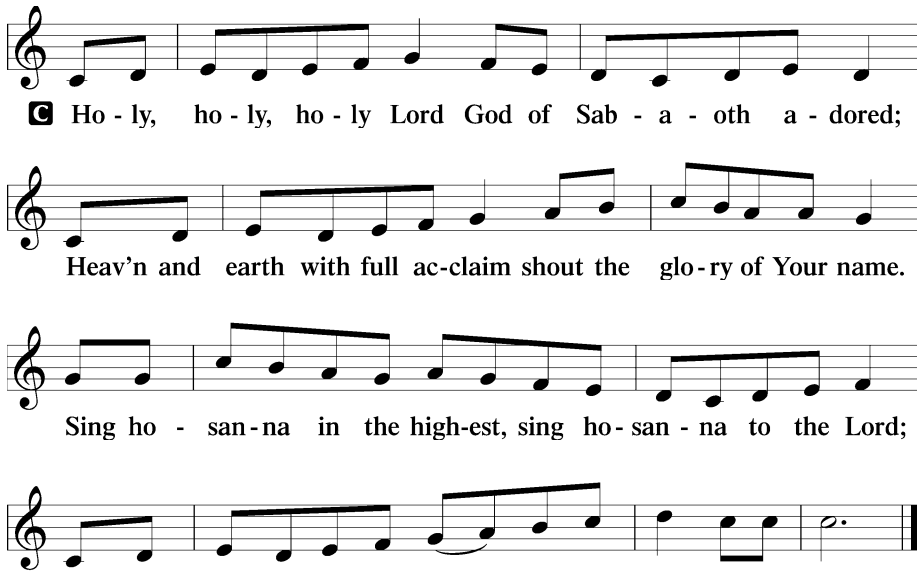
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the  
 heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,  
 Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me  
 day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

sts. 1–4, 8



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal  
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.  
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# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - ues still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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## Prayer of the Church—Ektene Form Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18A) 10 September 2023

Knowing that our Lord has promised to be in our midst wherever two or three are gathered in His name, let us bring our prayers and supplications before Him.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, that as God's watchmen, they may be faithful in calling sinners to repentance and joyfully announcing the Lord's forgiveness to those who heed their warning, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful, that each of us may serve as our brother's keeper both in our earthly families and among our brothers and sisters in Christ; and that we may owe no one anything except to love each other, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our leaders, that they would bear the sword righteously; and for all who protect us, especially our armed forces, police and firefighters, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ill, grieving and lonely, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they may remember that the Good Shepherd who loves them seeks and saves the one lost sheep, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For childlike faith as we receive Christ's body and blood, that it may strengthen us in faith toward God and in fervent love toward one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all God's little ones, that they would not perish but be called back to Him when tempted to stray, delivered from temptation and kept in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor:	Rev. Joe Baumgarten
Organist:	Linda Gurney
Communion Musician:	Michelle Mixon
Lector:	Phil Schoenherr
Altar Guild:	Koe Sylwester
Communion Assistant:	Randy Ronne
Ushers:	Byron Baule, Mick Koester
Coffee:	

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....**

- + Don Dove, Luda Wiesert, Sarah Nutter, Lloyd Davis, Dorothy Vetter-Akins, Corene Jackson, Linda Cheney, Lee Bess, Donna Geisler, John Stoecker, Truman Baird, Alma Silberstein, Barbara Best
- + Homebound members: Vern Gleaves, Jerry Fibelstad, Inge Smith
- + For the people of Maui who lost family/friends and everything they owned.
- + For our nation and all of God's world dealing with health issues, unrest and violence, weather-related damage, hunger and drought in many countries.
- + The blessing of the UO Student Food Pantry housed here at Grace.
- + For the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- + For our military serving around the world – some who continue to serve in harm's way. Keep them safe and trusting in Your protective care.





Pastor Joe's **50<sup>th</sup> birthday** is coming up on **September 13<sup>th</sup>!!** He and his family will be in Michigan that week to celebrate with family, but you might want to give him a card (or even something more!), send him a text or email to help him celebrate this milestone birthday!

**OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. You can email me or phone and leave a message when I am not here. Peggy Email: [peggy2@glchurch.org](mailto:peggy2@glchurch.org)

**Pastor's Joe's YouTube channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBMEPT5EQm7NAs50Wx4Tznw>

**Office door lock**...there is now a dead bolt lock on this door. Unless you have a code number you will not be able to get in that door with just a key. But...during office hours Tues-Friday from 9am-2pm you can still come to that door and will be let in.

**COMING SOON** – bringing comfort and caring to people of Maui from members of Grace Lutheran Church. Special offering to be set aside to send through the California/Nevada/Hawaii LCMS District Relief Efforts.

## **What's Happening at Grace Next Week (Sept 10-Sept 17)**

Sunday (Sept 10)	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:15am	Coffee
	6:30pm	<i>(Eugene Recorder Orchestra)</i>
Monday (Sept 11)	1:00pm	LWML Meeting
	7:00pm	<i>(Eugene Concert Choir)</i>
Tuesday (Sept 12)	Pastor Joe on Vacation September 12-19	
	1:30pm	Stewardship Board
Wednesday (Sept 13)	NO Women's Bible Study	
	3:00pm	U of O Food Pantry
	7:15pm	Vocal Choir Practice
Thursday (Sept 14)	Peggy on Vacation September 14-20	
	NO Men's Bible Study	
	3:00pm	U of O Food Pantry
Friday (Sept 15)	6:30pm	<i>(Oregon Tuba Ensemble)</i>
	10:00am	U of O Food Pantry Clean-up
	6:00pm	<i>(Zumba Class)</i>
Sunday (Sept 17)	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:15am	Coffee
	6:30pm	<i>(Eugene Recorder Orchestra)</i>

## **VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE BEGINNING SOON!!!**

We will begin vocal choir rehearsals for our upcoming season on **Wednesday, September 13, 7:15-8:15 pm!** We will be meeting in the music room. I'm looking forward to having EVERYONE back for vocal choir **AND** would love to have some new faces (and voices) join us this year! It's helpful if you can read music, but isn't a requirement to sing in the choir. Please consider becoming a member of the choir – even if you can't be at every rehearsal because of other commitments. We'd love to have you! God's blessings, Paula Walker, Vocal Choir Director

## **Dear Friend....We invite you to attend Dove Medical's 2023 Celebration Banquet on**

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are giving you the option of attending either the LUNCH or the DINNER. Festivities begin at **12pm(noon)** or **6pm** with doors opening at 11:45am or 5:45pm. This year's special event will be held at Grace Community Fellowship (989 Country Club Road) on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Together we can provide Hope to a hopeless generation while standing up for Life.

We would love the opportunity to tell you about the work of God at Dove Medical. He continues to touch the lives of our patients as our staff reaches out in His name. The Lord has also been very faithful to protect and provide.

We hope you can attend. Come prepared to be blessed. Just visit [www.dovefriends.org](http://www.dovefriends.org) and click on the registration button. You will see where to register on the homepage. Banquet registration is open now. The last day to register is October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot register online you may call Dove Medical at 541-485-3683 and ask for Dirk or Michelle.

Dirk Weishaar, Outreach Manager

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## **Weekday Bible study opportunities**

Women's Bible study on Zoom meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Our study of the Gospel of John continues with Pastor Joe. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week, contact Barb Ronne at [jm@glchurch.org](mailto:jm@glchurch.org). Meeting (even remotely) provides a wonderful way for us to bond with each other, share our burdens and joys, and study God's Word in-depth. Consider joining this study group!

A men's Zoom Bible study continues on Thursday mornings at 10 am. In June they will start to study the book of Exodus. Contact Randy Ronne at [rvr@glchurch.org](mailto:rvr@glchurch.org) to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week.

**WE WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE REST OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. Studies will pick back up the first week in October."**

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The **July-September** booklet is available on the table in the narthex. There are a few copies of large print and half-page size booklets. Take one home for your daily devotions.

**My Devotions” for children** is available on the table in the narthex. The **September-November** issue is out there now. Consider picking one up for your children or grandchildren to enjoy and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

**Coffee Sign-up Sheet**.... There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to sign up for a coffee hour after worship on Sundays.

**Flower Chart...** There is a **new 2023 Flower Chart on the wall by the mailboxes**. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the chart and a reminder will be sent to you.



**Grace Church Donation Page** from Vanco Services

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6T7/home>

Make Online Credit Card Donation to Grace Church anytime using web link above or QR Code

**Do you need help with something?** Call Janet Borchard (541-579-1467) or Elaine Barbisan (541-343-0452) and we will work to find a church member to help you with house and yard needs you might not be able to do yourself.



**Save your (redeemable 10¢) soda and water cans and plastic containers.** Please do **NOT** put other plastics or cans in the boxes. Two boxes are in the narthex. All donations will be given to Dove Medical. This is an ongoing project. Thank you.

**Grace is hosting a drop-in Zumba class!** Friday evenings 6-7pm. Cost is \$5 per class and friends are welcome. For more information call Cyndi Baumgarten 907-687-6767.



**The U of O Student Food Pantry is open here at Grace.** The pantry is **e here for the students on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:00pm.**

This is great that we can supply the space that is very much needed by the students. The pantry serves about 300-450 students and their family members each week. Let's keep the Food Pantry and the volunteers in our prayers! What an opportunity for students (and the pantry staff) to be shown the love of Jesus in our place! Any college students visiting us at Grace, who have a need to supplement your food at home, are encouraged to stop by the food pantry during operating hours to check it out. You will need to show your student ID.

## The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

**Sunday Mornings – 8:00am ---- on KKNX – 840 AM**

***Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler delivers the messages.***

### **September 10 – “Not Just a Formality”**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

*(Psalm 32)*

### **September 17 – “The Problem of Praise”**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

*(Psalm 103)*

### **September 24 – “TBD”**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

*The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). If you would like to listen to The Lutheran Hour message and need assistance with the above options, please call Barb Ronne at 541-343-0327.*



**Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES...** Have your children or grandchildren ever asked you questions about Science & Faith; The Problem of Evil & Suffering; Sexuality & Identity; Heaven, Death & Dying; Relationships, Life Issues and Mental Health? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has a series that can help you answer those questions. You can listen to the entire series on-demand at [issuesetc.org/kidshavequestion](http://issuesetc.org/kidshavequestion)