



*To Glorify God,  
To Grow in Faith  
To Give in Service  
Together in Christ*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost    September 17, 2017  
Grace Notes*

#### *Announcements*

Welcome to our worship as we gather to give praise to God and receive God's blessing through his Word and Sacrament and celebrate the day of resurrection hope. We are glad you are here today!

As you face the rear of the sanctuary from inside, a nursery area is available on the other side of the doors to the left. Restrooms are available after passing through the doors on the right.

**Communion Choice:** White grape juice is available for you to choose during communion. The white grape juice is in small communion cups in a silver tray on a table located at the right front row of chairs near the altar. As you approach the altar you may take a glass from the tray with you to the altar. When the chalice is brought to you, you drink the cup of grape juice. Empty cups may be returned to the empty side of the tray.

**The Altar Flowers** have been sponsored by the Stangls in Honor of John's birthday;  
In Honor of Rich and Emily Woltmann's wedding anniversary.

*There are no Eternal Light Candle or Church Bulletin Sponsors this morning.*

**Any items for the October** newsletter are due by September 17. The newsletter will be mailed on September 26.

**St. Francis Blessing of Pets – next Sunday, September 24, during the Sunday School hour** You are invited to bring your pet, or a picture of your pet (collar, leash, toy, etc.) All animals must be caged, crated, leashed, and under control. If you don't have a pet you can still come and see our congregation's pet friends!

**Mark your calendar NOW** for Sunday, October 29, the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation. One service at 10:30 a.m. followed by free catered buffet dinner, "Together in Christ" video telling the story of our last 5 years; rebuilding, and the introduction to the "Living in God's Grace" Campaign.

**Confirmation Reorganization Meeting** will be held Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room. We will set up a schedule and give out books and special event dates through the end of the year. All youth in grades 6-9 and their parents are welcome!

**Next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>,** we will celebrate **Harvest Home** at Grace. Our gifts of food will be shared with Manna on Main Street in Lansdale and The Hatfield Food Cupboard at Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Hatfield. The Giving in Service Team would like you to bring your food offerings **by September 24<sup>th</sup>**. You may also choose to do a cash gift to the agencies or a grocery gift card. You may also donate funds by using your **Harvest Home Envelope** in your offering envelope box. These envelope offerings will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and will help our neighbors around the world. The Giving in Service Team appreciates your kindness in helping others.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.** The North Penn Annual **CROP Walk** will be held rain or shine. The walk begins and ends at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. Won't you join in the fun and walk

so that others may have food!! The funds raised at area CROP Walks are given to Church World Services. CWS distributes these funds to the areas in the world in most need of help. Part of the funds are shared in the Lansdale area. If you cannot join the walk, help sponsor one of our walkers. For information or to pick up a form to walk, see Jean Shaffer, Diane Ball or Kay Stone.

#### **Come and support a Free Community Square Dance at Grace On September 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

This event will be in the Grace Fellowship Hall and open to Grace Members and anyone in the local community that is interested in having fun and learning how to *Do Si Do*. Square dancing is a good way to exercise your mind and body and have fun doing it. No experience is necessary, come by yourself or with a partner or a group of friends. Dress will be casual. A local resident will be the caller and will introduce some simple square dance calls that will get all attendees moving, meeting new people and having fun. Bring a bag of pretzels or batch of cookies to share with those attending from outside the Grace community. For more information contact the Stangls.

**Wooden Cabinets Available** Do you remember the cabinets Grace had in the narthex and in the old sacristy before the renovations? They are currently in the Grace basement and are looking for a home. If you have any interest in acquiring these cabinets for your garage or cabin or basement, please contact Al Lund or Frank Stone for more information and viewing. We are asking that the acquiring party make a donation to our building fund as well as providing the labor and transportation to move the cabinets.

**Upcoming Indian Valley Lutheran Cluster Events: Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Telford:** "Reformation Hymn Fest" Music was a big part of the Reformation movement. Luther and the other reformers used hymns as teaching tools and a means of involving people in worship. Come sing and explore the role of hymns as teaching tools and a means of involving people in worship. Come sing and explore the role of hymns in the Reformation with organists Vince Ryan and Gayle King. If you wish to sing in the combined choir, please be at St. Paul's at 1:45 p.m.

#### **Save the date for the "Ladies Tea" Saturday November 4th 2-4pm "Come take a trip down Memory Lane"**

We invite you to bring something to share, display and/or talk about something from your past that was significant which shaped who you are today. Ideas include actual wedding gown or pictures of, prom pictures, baptismal gowns, Awards, special events that are near and dear to your heart, favorite vacations that you would like to talk about and show pictures of, family tree pictures with description of who all the leaves (or nuts!) are. Share ANYTHING you would like with us, we are captive audience and would love to hear about your memories of the past. Look for the Tea sign up and display soon, if you have any questions or need to pick my brain as to what you could, would, or should bring or what to talk about, please see Lori Pluda anytime soon. Of course it is not required of all attendees of the tea, but it sure is fun to hear your stories and "trip down your Memory Lane!" (PS, as with all the other years there will be a Silver Platter tray for you to take home and bring back on the day of the tea with your treats)

#### **Annual Hatfield Community Coat Drive:**

According to the Farmer's Almanac we are to be hit with a severe winter and snow. It may seem early to think about winter coats, but as the stores are getting ready for school, the H3C is preparing for our Annual Coat Drive for the Hatfield Community. Last year we needed 150 coats and because of your generosity, were so fortunate to receive

155 coats. We are collecting new coats this year for families who can't afford to buy winter coats for their children. Please consider donating a coat or two from sizes infant to 16/18 youth or giving a financial donation to help "keep the cold away". We will be collecting coats until Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>. The coat distribution will be held Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran from 3-7pm. Helping hands are welcome. For more information, please contact MC Reilly 9838 or Joyce Salter.

**Sunday, October 8, from 3-6 p.m. at Christ, Kulpville: "Youth and Family Lutherfest"** This day will celebrate the Reformation with fun for the whole family! Displays, interactive activities, and refreshments are planned. Mark your calendar now, because you won't want to miss it.

The Fall **Word in Season** booklets are available in the narthex.

**Fall Stitch In** Come and join us for a day of 'stitching'! Bring a project and join the fun as we spend time working on new projects or tackling those unfinished projects! Or – come and learn a new craft from a fellow 'stitcher'! Any type of stitching will do – Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Punch Needle, Crochet, Knitting, and Rug Hooking to name a few. October 21st - 10 am to 3 pm; \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Includes snack and lunch

*For Reservations and/or Questions, please contact Peggy Schmidt or Wendy Walter. In addition to door prizes and raffles, We will be having a Christmas Ornament Swap! .... Please bring a handmade ornament to participate! (not mandatory)*

**The Back Pack project is complete.** 50 back packs and 50 bags of food have been delivered to two food cupboards and two day care centers for distribution. The success of this program is mostly due to the generosity of Grace congregation. You heard and understood the need, you shopped and contributed. Thank you so much for your participation.

**Red Cross Blood Drive at Heidelberg UCC 1101 Cowpath Rd. Hatfield – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 2 pm – 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance for September 10: 8:00 - 20 10:30 - 38  
General Funds \$4,287 Capital fund \$1,832

**Grace-Full Questions for Pentecost 15**

Why is it so easy to judge and so difficult to forgive?

Is there something in your life that you need to forgive yourself for?

When have you struggled to forgive someone?

**Key Verse: Romans 12:7,8**

*<sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*

**Participants in today's services**

- Acolytes** Anna Walter, Wyeth Slugg
- Altar Guild** Robin Lutcher
- Flower Delivery** Harold Schaefer
- Comm. Assistant** Dave Kunkel,
- Greeters** Al Lund, Kay Deussing
- Lectors** Dave Kunkel; Tami Sarm
- Church Nursery** Ginny Williams, Liana Murphy
- Ushers** The Walter Family,  
Harold Schaeffer,  
Carol MacDonald

**In Our Prayers**

- John Fischer Hayley Reath
- Peg Weaver Dave Krum
- Carol Buffone Ed Chowajsky
- Joan Lattanze Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick
- Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz
- Paige Haldeman Al Godshall

- Carol MacDonald Jennifer Kaler-Thomas
- Nancy Sellers Laura Cooper
- Jim Steeley James Roney and his family
- John Cisler Elijah Krout
- Don Capanear, Sr. Jon Smyrl
- Sue Deitch B.J. Moyer- Kuhn
- Beth Brown Jodi & Chelsea Krawitz
- Joe McGlinchey Joe Hopkins
- Thomas Hudson Laura Morcom
- Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry, and Danny Wagner

**This Week at Grace**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>September 17</b>
	<b>Newsletter items due</b>
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day!
10:30 a.m.	Worship
12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>September 19</b>
7:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>September 20</b>
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation re-organization Mtg.
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>September 21</b>
6:30 p.m.	Laymen Playmen
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Mtg.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>September 23</b>
6:30 p.m.	Square Dance
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>September 24 Harvest Home</b>
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	St. Francis Pet Blessing
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Reiss and Hartshorn Baptisms
12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church
1:45 p.m.	Choir Practice for Hymn Fest
3:00 p.m.	Reformation Hymn Fest at St. Paul's, Telford

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